



Proclamation

Supporting the "Start By Believing" Public Awareness Campaign

- Whereas, the Town of Camp Verde shares a critical concern for victims of sexual violence and a desire to support their needs for justice and healing; and*
- Whereas, in 2012 the Town of Camp Verde Marshal's Office received a total of 19 reports of rape or attempted rape; and*
- Whereas, research estimates that as many as 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men are the victim of rape (Center for Disease Control, 2012 Summary Report), yet most will not report the crime to law enforcement (U.S. Department of Justice, Victimization Not Reported to the Police, 2006 - 2010); and*
- Whereas, research documents that victims are far more likely to disclose their sexual assault to a friend or family member, and when those loved ones respond with doubt, shame or blame, victims suffer additional negative effects on their physical and psychological well-being (Rape Abuse & Incest National Network); and*
- Whereas, the "Start By Believing" public awareness campaign is designed to improve the responses of friends, family members and community professions, so they can help victims to access supportive resources and engage the criminal justice system.*

NOW, THEREFORE, The Town of Camp Verde, Arizona, do hereby proclaim, in concert with the Camp Verde Marshal's Office, the support of the "Start By Believing" public awareness campaign.

Signed and attested to this 14 day of November, 2013

*Charlie German
Mayor, Town of Camp Verde*

Attest:

*Debbie Barber
Town Clerk*