

Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE B. WILSON, MAYOR of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, by virtue of authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April, 2010, as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in Belle Glade, and call upon all citizens, civic organizations and the media of public information to support this endeavor by working together to reinforce the need for prevention efforts in this battle against sexual violence.

SIGNED AND PROCLAIMED this 16th day of March 2010.

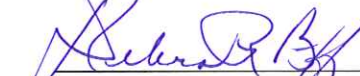
CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA



Steve B. Wilson
Mayor



Attest:



Debra R. Buff, CMC
City Clerk

