



Town of Southwest Harbor Proclamation

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 be it, Resolved, That the Board of Selectmen of the Municipality of Southwest Harbor, does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Town of Southwest Harbor, Maine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorr Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

Dorr Wilson, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Southwest Harbor