

MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT



PROCLAMATION

By The County Mayor

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 not only for 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 together we can work 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, CAROLYN BOWERS, *Mayor of Montgomery County, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as*

“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”

and urge all citizens to join in the effort to raise local and national awareness of sexual assault, as well as the prevention and elimination of sexual violence.



County Mayor