



PROCLAMATION
Declaring April
as
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 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 victims/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Tomzak, M.D., Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, on this the 4th day of March 2010.



Thomas J. Tomzak, M.D., Mayor
Fredericksburg, Virginia

