

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 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 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 victims/survivors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred Costello, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010, as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to join with me in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, as it is an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Ten.



FRED COSTELLO
Mayor