

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
APRIL 2010**

- 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, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim APRIL 2010 as SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this celebration to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of April
Two Thousand and ten



Martin O'Malley
Governor

Robert Ehrlich
Lt. Governor

Joe C. McPherson
Secretary of State