



***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 Freeport Town Council does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Freeport, Maine.*

Resolved this 23rd day of March 2010.

*William Muldoon
Council Chairperson*