

**CITY OF SALINE  
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** *sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and*

**WHEREAS,** *every two and a half minutes a person is raped in the United States and in Michigan, over 70 percent of rape victims are under the age of 20; and*

**WHEREAS,** *sexual assault is an intolerable, violent crime with extensive short and long-term implications for victims, their loved ones and to society as a whole; 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,** *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, Patrick Ivey, Mayor ProTem of the City of Saline, on behalf of the Saline City Council and the citizens of Saline, to hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in the City of Saline and urge all citizens to help end this tragic epidemic that is devastating our society by supporting victims of sexual assault and to stand against further assault.*



*I hereby set my hand and seal this  
twelfth day of April, 2010.*

  
Patrick Ivey, Mayor ProTem  
City of Saline, Michigan