

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and the 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 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 prevent sexual violence;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary H. Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Medford, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010 as*

## **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Medford and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
hereunto set my hand this  
1st day of April, 2010.*



*Gary H. Wheeler  
Mayor of Medford*