City of Milmington Belaware



Froclamation:

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, not only for 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, JAMES M. BAKER, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

and encourage all citizens to participate in programs and activities that promote prevention and awareness of sexual assault.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal of Office this <u>1st</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Acting Deputy City Clerk