

## 2010 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Every 45 seconds someone in the United States is sexually assaulted and in Indiana 14.4% of women have been raped at some time in their lifetime.

WHEREAS, Rape, sexual assault, and violence impacts women, children and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds, many of whom can and do experience acquaintance rape, stranger rape, sexual assault by an intimate partner, gang rape, incest, stalking, serial rape, date rape, ritual abuse, sexual harassment, child sexual molestation, prostitution, and pornography;

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to eradicate and prevent sexual assault, support survivors and victims alike, to ensure that they are given the help that they need to ensure they are not re-victimized; and

WHEREAS, Staff and volunteers of victim support programs in your (city or town) to work year round to encourage **every person** to *establish boundary lines* in relationships and encounters in the efforts to minimize and eradicate sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, With dedication and resolve from your (city or town's) staff and volunteers in Indiana, we can be successful in reducing crimes against citizens living in Indiana, through a heightened state of awareness and holding perpetrators accountable for their acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, Through the support of people of (your city or town), the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault and crisis centers throughout the state continue their dedicated efforts to actively engage in public and private efforts and establishing Boundary Lines, including conversations about what is sexual violence, how to establish primary prevention programs, how to help survivors connect with crisis centers and counselors, and how every region of our state can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Indiana, do hereby proclaim April, 2010, as

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

in the city or town of \_\_\_\_\_, in the State of Indiana, and urge all  
citizens to duly note this occasion.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be  
affixed the Seal of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Indiana on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010