

Proclamation

*Office of the Mayor
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*



Whereas: *Sexual assault takes many forms – it is any unwanted sexual contact, including rape, attempted rape, and child sexual abuse. It can affect people of any gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or ability; and*

Whereas: *According to the National Violence Against Women Survey, 1 in 6 American women has been the victim of rape or attempted rape; and*

Whereas: *Perpetrators of sexual assault can be friends, acquaintances, family members, or strangers; and*

Whereas: *Working together, we can raise awareness, change attitudes, and help prevent sexual assault.*

Whereas: *Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.*

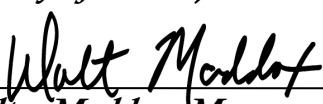
Now Therefore, I, Walter Maddox, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010, to be

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

in Tuscaloosa and encourage citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Corporate Seal of this City to be affixed on this the 19th day of March, 2010.



***Walter Maddox, Mayor
City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama***