



Proclamation

*Sexual Assault Awareness
March 11, 2010*

- WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial 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
- WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also the family and friends of the survivor; and
- WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can prevent sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate the general population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/ survivors and their significant others, and increase the number of 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, Luis A. Alejo, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010, as "*Sexual Assault Awareness Month*" in the City of Watsonville, and call upon the people of Watsonville to join their fellow citizens across the county in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 11th day of March, 2010, at Watsonville, California, and ten.


Luis A. Alejo, Mayor

WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA