

## **PROCLAMATION**

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 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 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, Doug Hutchinson, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare the month of April 2010 as

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the city of Fort Collins.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of April, A.D. 2010.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk