

City of Palm Bay, Florida

NOTICE AND PROCLAMATION OF

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH April 2010

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

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 victims/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors, and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Mazziotti, Mayor of the City of Palm Bay, by virtue of the authority of said office, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

and urge the citizens of Palm Bay to actively participate and work toward the elimination of sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Palm Bay to be affixed this Twenty-fifth day of March Two Thousand Ten.

John J. Mazziotti, MAYOR

Alice Passmore, CITY CLERK