

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence remains an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every citizen; and

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, to support victim/survivors and their significant others, and to 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, RICK A. LOTT, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Plant City, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Plant City, Florida, in support of service programs that advocate that all citizens must be a part of the solution to end sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Plant City, Florida, to be affixed this 25th day of March Two Thousand Ten.

CITY OF PLANT CITY, FLORIDA



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick A. Lott", is written over a horizontal line.

RICK A. LOTT
MAYOR