

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## 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 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 VICTIM/SURVIVORS; AND

WHEREAS, SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR

CITIZENS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL, 2010, AS

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

IN IOWA.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN.

CHESTER J. CULVER GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. MAURO SECRETARY OF STATE