

CITY OF BEDFORD
Proclamation

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

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; and

WHEREAS: No one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support to the victim/survivors, and increase support for agencies providing services; and

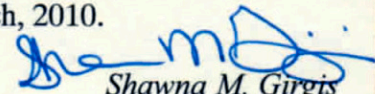
WHEREAS: Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence; now

THEREFORE: I, Shawna M. Girgis, Mayor of Bedford, Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010 as

“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”

In Bedford and call upon all citizens to work together to learn more about sexual assault so we can help prevent and support the victim/survivors in our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Bedford, Indiana, on this 26th day of March, 2010.


Shawna M. Girgis
Mayor of Bedford