

## TOWN OF MADAWASKA PROCLAMATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

**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 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**, be it resolved, the Madawaska Board of Selectmen hereby proclaims the month of April, 2010, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Madawaska and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

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