

Believe in Lansing

Proclamation

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS: It is a privilege to join the efforts of federal and state government in furthering the goals of the Violence Against Women Act. Those affected by sexual assault include women, children, and men across all cultural, economic, and religious backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: In addition to immediate trauma, sexual assault is a crime that can lead to the emotional as well as physical destruction of its victim. It further affects the victims family, friends, and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS: Capitol Area Response Effort (C.A.R.E) and the City of Lansing works collabrately with police departments in the surrounding communities to provide information and support to survivors who are experiencing domestic violence within an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS: Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn about how to reduce sexual assault by drawing on community resources, advocacy, and community education to intervene with people affected by this crime; and

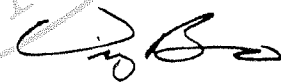
WHEREAS: The Capitol Area Response Effort has played a vital role in providing advocacy for female, male and same sex partners who are victims of domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VIRG BERNERO, Mayor of the City of Lansing, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as:

“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”

in Lansing. I urge the community to empower and support the victims of sexual assault and end this tragic epidemic.

Given under my hand
and seal this first day
of April in the Year of
Our Lord two
thousand and ten.



Virg Bernero
Mayor of Lansing

