



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, sexual assault is a problem worldwide, occurring in all regions, countries, societies, and cultures and affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS, too often, the burden of sexual assault prevention is place on the victim; yet, those who perpetrate such crimes must learn that forcing themselves upon any unwilling person is assault; and
- WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and
- WHEREAS, survivors of sexual assault can begin the recovery process much faster due to the coordinated efforts of community agencies working together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault; 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, if we are to continue to improve the understanding and appreciation for the vital impact sexual assault prevention has upon shaping a safer future for all of us, we must emphasize the complexity of the matter; and
- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to familiarize themselves with methods that can be used to prevent an assault upon themselves and others in our society.

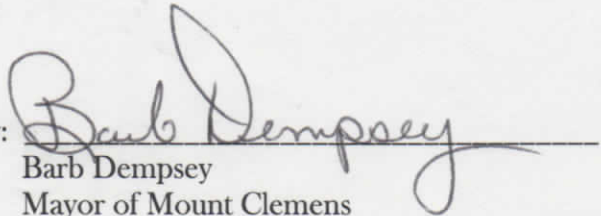
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barb Dempsey, Mayor of the City of Mount Clemens, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Mount Clemens and urge all citizens to help put an end to sexual assault in our society by supporting victims/survivors of assault and to take a stand against further assault in our nation.

DATED: April 5, 2010



By:   
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Mayor of Mount Clemens