

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

PROCLAMATION

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2010

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 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 all citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, William F. Larkin, Mayor of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim **April 2010** as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in the Township of Ocean and urge all of our citizens to assist in the elimination of these acts of violence against our fellow citizens.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William F. Larkin".

William F. Larkin, Mayor
March 15, 2010