THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FANNIN §

Proclamation

CITY OF BONHAM

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and,

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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.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONHAM, TEXAS, AND IN RECOGNITION HEREWITH, I OFFICIALLY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE the month of April, 2010 as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in Bonham, Texas and urge all citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

HEREUNTO I SET MY HAND AND CAUSE THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF BONHAM, TEXAS TO BE AFFIXED on this the 8th day of March 2010.

