



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, one American is sexually assaulted every two and a half minutes; and

WHEREAS, about 44% of rape victims are under the age of 18; about 15% are under 12; and

WHEREAS, one in six American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape; and

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

WHEREAS, about two-thirds of sexual assaults are committed by someone who is known to the victim; and

WHEREAS, emotional and physical scars resulting from sexual violence are often severe and long lasting; and

WHEREAS, April 2010 has been proclaimed as "Sexual Assault and Rape Awareness Month" and this designation will increase the public's awareness of sexual assault issues and encourage individuals to seek the help of those agencies providing services to rape victims throughout the state:

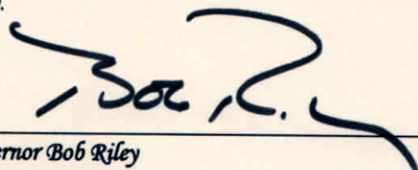
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2010, as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 30th day of March 2010.


Governor Bob Riley