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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 citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

Now, Therefore, on behalf of the City Council and the people of Yuma, I, Eugene Seward, Mayor of the City of Yuma, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as **SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH** in Yuma, Colorado.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Yuma, Colorado, this 16th day of March, 2010.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Yuma, Colorado, this 16th day of March, 2010.

Eugene Seward, Mayor City of Yuma, Colorado

Attest:

City Clerk