

CITY OF RICHMOND

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PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, in 2009, a Presidential Proclamation was issued for the very first time by President Barack Obama for Sexual Assault Awareness Month; and
- 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 victims/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and
- WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS, in memory of Emily Rachel Silverstein, who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend on April 9, 2009 and to the many victims here in our community, we raise our voices to help lead the way to ending sexual violence: NOW
- **THEREFORE**, I, Sally L. Hutton, Mayor of the City of Richmond, State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Richmond, Indiana, to be affixed this Thirtieth Day of March Two Thousand and Ten.

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Sally L. Hutton Mayor, City of Richmond

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