CITY OF LAPEER - 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 posttraumatic 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 before it can start and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, and the Michigan Department of Community Health are dedicated to the elimination of all sexual violence in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Lapeer City Commission support the efforts to eliminate sexual assault and hereby declares April 2010 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Lapeer.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2010.

Thomas M. Robinet, Commissioner

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William J. Spraque, Mayor

Daniel G. Farrington, Commissioner

Wayne Bennett, Commissioner

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