



PROCLAMATION

To All To Whom Their Presence May Come, Greetings:

- WHEREAS:** every two and a half minutes a person is raped in the United States and in Michigan, over 70 percent of rape victims are under the age of 20; and
- WHEREAS:** sexual assault is an intolerable, violent crime with extensive short and long-term implications for victims, their loved ones and to society as a whole; and
- WHEREAS:** elimination of sexual violence is achievable through change at the individual, family, community, organization, and societal levels; and
- WHEREAS:** Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about how to stop perpetration of 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,

NOW THEREFORE, I Michael McCauslin, Mayor of the City of Niles, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of April, in the year 2010, as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in the City of Niles and urge all citizens to help end this tragic epidemic that is devastating our society by supporting victims of sexual assault and to stand against further assault.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Niles this 22nd day of March, 2010.

BY THE MAYOR:



