Office of the Mayor Township of Bordentown

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault effects 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 of 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 victims/survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** That I, Mayor Bruce Hill, and the Bordentown Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown, State of New Jersey, do hereby declare April 2010 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

BRUCE HILL MAYOR