PROCLAMATION

- Sexual assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds.
- It is estimated that 1 out of 6 adult women in Oregon has been the victim of forcible rape sometime in her lifetime.
- It is important to recognize that sexual violence is preventable.
- It is important to encourage healthy, non-violent interactions and diminish aspects of society that promote and support sexual violence.
- It is important to broaden the scope and increase the effectiveness of sexual violence prevention efforts through partnerships.
- It is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to survivors and work to prevent sexual violence.
- Every individual in Ashland has the ability to help eliminate sexual violence by working together to promote social change.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, herby proclaim April 2010 as:

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month"

And encourage all citizens of Ashland to join in this observance and to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2010.

John Stromberg, Mayor

Barbara Christensen, City Recorder

