

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April has been declared Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the United States and April 30, 2010 as "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" Day in Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, sexual assaults 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 Awareness Month and "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" Day are intended to draw attention to the fact that rape and sexual assault remain serious issues in our society; and

WHEREAS, "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" literally asks men to walk a mile in women's shoes to help men better understand and appreciate women's experiences; and

WHEREAS, "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" expands the dialogue between men and women on gender differences, gender relationships and gender violence and for men to also publicly demonstrate their courage and commitment to preventing gender violence;

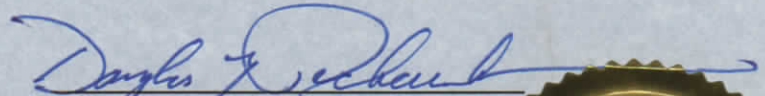
WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lakewood City Council do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 as

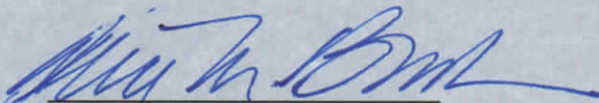
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Lakewood and encourage all citizens to join the march in Pierce County on April 30th to communicate the message that there is something every man can do to help prevent rape, sexual assault and gender violence.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of April, 2010.


Douglas G. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alice M. Bush, City Clerk

