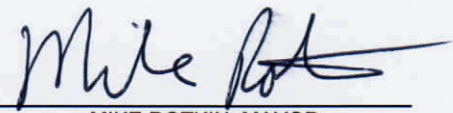


CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
CALIFORNIA

Mayor's Proclamation

- 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 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, 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 VICTIMS/SURVIVORS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS, AND INCREASE SUPPORT FOR AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO VICTIMS/SURVIVORS; and
- WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SET ENDING SEXUAL ASSAULT AS ONE OF ITS HIGHEST PRIORITIES AND IN JULY OF 1981 ESTABLISHED THE COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN; and
- WHEREAS BOTH THE COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THE SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE LED THE WAY IN ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ; and
- WHEREAS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE ROTKIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010 AS "SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CAUSES AND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.




MIKE ROTKIN, MAYOR