

## 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 victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, L. Jack Van Sickle, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lake Wales, in the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lake Wales, Florida to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.



*L. Jack Van Sickle*

Mayor/City Commissioner