

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 victim/survivors; and

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

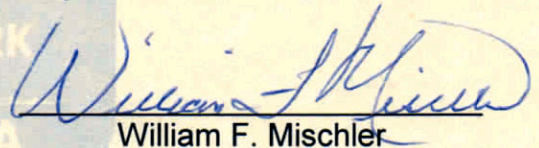
NOW, THEREFORE, I, William F. Mischler, Mayor of the City of Pinellas Park, Florida, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all citizens to actively participate in programs to learn more and to work toward the elimination of sexual violence.


In witness whereof, I set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Pinellas Park, Florida to be affixed this 9th day of March 2010.




William F. Mischler

Mayor

Attest:


Diane M. Corna, MMC
City Clerk