



CITY OF NEWPORT, WASHINGTON

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH 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

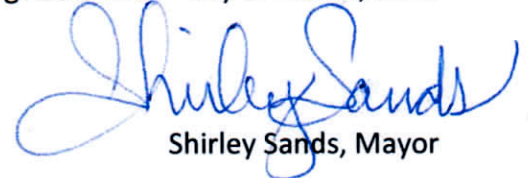
WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that I, Mayor Sands, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.



Signed this 15th day of March, 2010


Shirley Sands, Mayor

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