



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: All Minnesotans should strive to make every home and community in our state safe from violence; and
- WHEREAS: The voices of those who have been victims of sexual violence must be heard; and
- WHEREAS: On average, only 10 to 20 percent of victims report sexual assault; and
- WHEREAS: In 2005, an estimated 61,000 Minnesota children and adults were sexually assaulted, some of them more than once, amounting to a total 77,000 assaults; and
- WHEREAS: In 2008, the total number of reported rapes represented 16 percent of the violent crimes in Minnesota, with an average of six per day; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault believes all Minnesotans must join together to find a way to eliminate crimes of sexual violence.

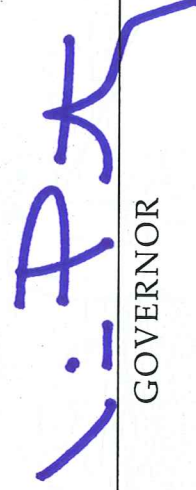
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010, as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota to support Minnesotans who have experienced sexual violence, to recognize individuals who have dedicated themselves to serving victims, and to strive toward ending sexual violence in our state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the State the one hundred fifty-first.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE