

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of Prineville; and

**WHEREAS**, Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college (Fisher, Cullen & Turner, 2000); and

**WHEREAS**, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs in Prineville encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

**WHEREAS**, With leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in Prineville through prevention education, increase awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

**WHEREAS**, Prineville strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversation about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

**Now, Therefore**, the Prineville City Council does hereby proclaim to join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be of the solution to end sexual violence. I do hereby proclaim April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand in the City of Prineville and the State of Oregon on March 22, 2011.

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Betty Roppe, Mayor

