

# ***PROCLAMATION,***

*From the Office of the Mayor  
Borough of Barrington  
County of Camden, New Jersey*

## ***NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT MONTH APRIL 2010***

**WHEREAS** every day, women, men, and children across America suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault, from verbal harassment and intimidation to molestation and rape, this crime occurs far too frequently, goes unreported far too often, leaving long-lasting physical and emotional scars. During National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we commit ourselves not only to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, but also to raising awareness, expanding support for victims, and strengthening our response.

**WHEREAS** sexual violence disproportionately affects women - an estimated one in six American women will experience an attempted or completed rape at some point in her life. Too many men and boys are also affected. Sexual violence affects Americans of all ages, backgrounds, and circumstances. Alarming rates of sexual violence occur among young women attending college, and frequently, alcohol or drugs are used to incapacitate the victim. Among people with disabilities, isolation may lead to repeated assaults and an inability to seek and locate help. Native American women are more than twice as likely to be sexually assaulted compared with the general population.

**WHEREAS** survivors too often suffer in silence because they fear further injury, are unwilling to experience further humiliation, or lack faith in the criminal justice system. This feeling of isolation, sometimes compounded with suicidal feelings, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder, only exacerbate victims' sense of hopelessness. No one should face this trauma alone, and as families, friends, and mentors, we can empower victims to seek the assistance they need and take action in our communities and stop abuse before it starts. Together, we can increase awareness about sexual violence, decrease its frequency, punish offenders, help victims, and heal lives.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** I, John D. Rink, Mayor, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as ***NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH*** in the Borough of Barrington.



John D. Rink, Mayor

Attest: 

Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk

Date: April 13, 2010

## SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE INFORMATION

### BARRINGTON POLICE DEPT

856/547-4333

For emergencies call 911 immediately

### CAMDEN COUNTY VICTIM/WITNESS

ADVOCATE

Linda Burkett

856/225-8400

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or

1-800-787-3224 (TTY) available

24 hours a day/7 days a week



### NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

available 24/7 for the nearest

rape crisis center

### NATIONAL STALKING RESOURCE CENTER

1-800-FYI-CALL (1-800-394-2255)

M-F 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM EST or

email [gethelp@ncvc.org](mailto:gethelp@ncvc.org).

### NATIONAL TEEN DATING ABUSE HELPLINE

1-866-331-9474 (1-866-331-8453 TTY)

available 24/7 or connect with a trained

Peer Advocate online at

[www.loveisrespect.org](http://www.loveisrespect.org) from 4 pm to

2 a.m. daily (CST)

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Camden County Women's Center

P O Box 1459

Blackwood, NJ 08012

856/227-1880 (office)

856/227-1234 (24 hr. hotline)