

***A Proclamation Designating Sexual Assault
Awareness Month***

Whereas, sexual assault is a violent crime with public health implications for every person as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and

Whereas, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own – rather all must work together to educate the entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and support agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

Whereas, ending sexual assault must include active public and private efforts to end sexual violence in collaboration with all support agencies, including conversation about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with counseling and other support services; and

Whereas, staff and volunteers of sexual assault programs work year round to encourage every person to end sexual violence and to support survivors by providing prevention education and survivor empowerment information regarding sexual assault issues.

Now, Therefore, I, David Shumaker, Mayor of the City of Bristol Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2008 as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in Bristol, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

This 1st day of April 2008.

David Shumaker
Mayor