

**Proclamation**  
*Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2016*

**WHEREAS,** Sexual Assault Awareness Month raises awareness of the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every resident of the City of Orlando; and

**WHEREAS,** rape, sexual violence, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show that one in five women and one in seventy-one men will be sexually assaulted at some point in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** too many women, men and children suffer alone or in silence, burdened by shame or unsure anyone will listen; and

**WHEREAS,** prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that children, teens and young women are among those at greatest risk of assault; and

**WHEREAS,** The Victim Service Center provides free confidential 24/7 crisis response, forensic examinations, victim advocacy, therapy, support groups and prevention education; and

**WHEREAS,** together we can create a safer environment for all in the City of Orlando through increased education, awareness, and by speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orlando strongly supports efforts to help heal survivors, provide prevention education and stop sexual violence before it starts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER,** Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the month of April 2016 as

**“Sexual Assault Awareness Month”**

in the City of Orlando and joins the Victim Service Center of Central Florida in its vision to transform victims’ lives and prevent violence in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand  
and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.