

**PROCLAMATION  
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, women, children, and men suffer multiple types of sexual violence; and*

*WHEREAS, this experience can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and*

*WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify public awareness of sexual assault, to educate people about the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce sexual violence, and to increase support for agencies providing aid for victims of sexual assault; and*

*WHEREAS, due to the prevalence of these crimes, we must work together to prevent sexual violence. Advocates for Victims of Violence have many programs which fight sexual assault by striving to increase public awareness of the pain and suffering caused by these crimes. The dedicated staff and volunteers of Committee Against Domestic Violence (CADV) provide victims the support and advocacy needed to help cope with their trauma; and*

*WHEREAS, changing societal views through awareness, education and legislation, by having law enforcement agencies, court systems, support agencies and communities hold perpetrators responsible for their violence is one more step towards a society where all women, children and men can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation.*

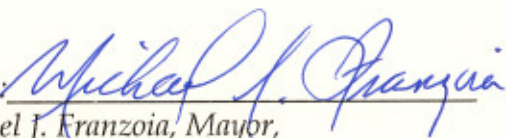
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Franzoia, Mayor of the City of Elko, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010 as*

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*in Elko, and urge, all residents to learn more about the pervasiveness of sexual assault in Elko and become involved in the fight against it, by supporting local activities and programs so that we as a collective group and community can help eliminate this heinous crime.*

*Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2010.*



Signed:   
Michael J. Franzoia, Mayor,  
City of Elko, Nevada