



## Proclamation

### *Sexual Assault Awareness Month City of Spokane Valley, Washington*

**WHEREAS,** *Sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Three women are murdered every day by an intimate partner and each year 4.8 million women are physically assaulted; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Sexual assault can be devastating for not only the victim, but also for the family and friends of the victim; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and*

**WHEREAS,** *No one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victims of sexual assault.*

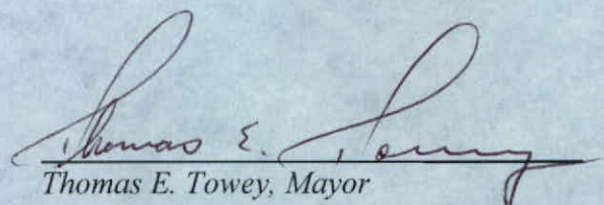
**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Thomas Towey, Mayor of the City of Spokane Valley, on behalf of the Spokane Valley City Council and the citizens of the City of Spokane Valley, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010, as*

### ***Sexual Assault Awareness Month***

*and I encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.*

*Dated this 23rd day of March, 2010.*



  
Thomas E. Towey, Mayor