

TOWN OF CLAYTON
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2012 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, 174 registered sex offenders are living in Johnston County and 14,443 registered sex offenders are living in the state of North Carolina (North Carolina Department of Justice, 2012); and

WHEREAS, in Johnston County from 2009 to 2010 there were 53 forcible rapes involving a weapon reported (State Bureau of Investigation, 2010); and

WHEREAS, according to the FBI 2010 Uniform Crime Report, 84,767 sexual assaults were reported in the US in 2010; and

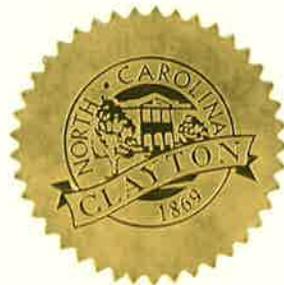
WHEREAS, 1 out of every 8 adult women or 393,000 adult women in North Carolina have been the victim of forcible rape at some point in her lifetime (Kilpatrick, D. G. & Ruggiero, K.J., Rape in NC: A report to the state, 2003); and

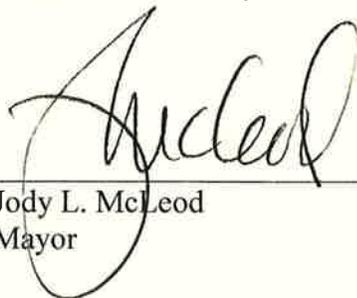
WHEREAS, fewer than half of all rapes and sexual assaults in the US are reported to police (U.S. Department of Justice, 2001); and

WHEREAS, 16% of victims of forcible assaults, and 8% of incapacitated victims, sought help from a crisis, health, or victims' center after they were sexually assaulted (Kilpatrick, D. G. et al., "Drug-facilitated, incapacitated, and forcible rape: A national study," 2007); and

NOW THEREFORE, the honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton do hereby proclaim the month of April 2012 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month." Furthermore, the Mayor and Town Council encourage all citizens to speak out against sexual assault and support the local community's efforts to provide services to victims and survivors of Sexual Assault.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of April 2012, while in regular session.





Jody L. McLeod
Mayor