



State Of Alabama River Region



Proclamation



WHEREAS, sexual assault affects many people of The River Region as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or a co-worker of a victim survivor; and

WHEREAS, citizens of The River Region and Maxwell-Gunter AFB are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors. Dedicated volunteers staff 24-hour hotlines, respond to emergency calls and offer support, comfort, and advocacy during medical exams, criminal proceedings and throughout the healing process; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that continued educational efforts to provide information about prevention and services for sexual assaults be supported and enhanced; 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, to increase support for agencies providing sexual assault services and to increase awareness of the healing power of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, citizens of The River Region and Maxwell-Gunter AFB have dedicated their lives to ending sexual violence in The River Region in their efforts to offer assistance to victims, educate the public about prevention, advocate for survivors and lobbying for legislative support in the fight to make The River Region a no rape zone; and

WHEREAS, tomorrow's safety for the citizens of The River Region depends on our vigilance against sexual assault today. We join in asking our fellow citizens to increase their awareness and learn how to prevent sexual assault and all other forms of violence in communities across Alabama; and

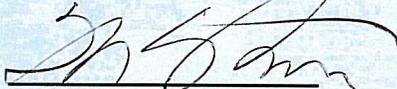
WHEREAS, each year the month of April provides an opportunity for crisis centers across the state to renew their commitments to serve their communities. During this period, educational efforts intensify to ensure Alabamians are aware of the sexual assault services available in their area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayors of the River Region and the Commanders at Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL hereby proclaim April 2010 as

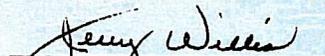
Sexual Assault Awareness Month

In The River Region and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming involved and aware of the tragedy of sexual assault.

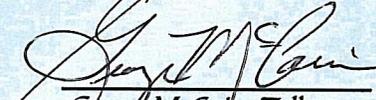
In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands to be affixed on this 2nd day of April


Todd Strange, Montgomery

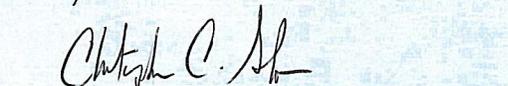

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