## **RESOLUTION 4-01-2002**

WHEREAS, non-stranger and stranger rape and sexual assault affect all human beings regardless of age, gender, race, social or economic status; and

WHEREAS, women, children, and men are reported by the Department of Justice to suffer multiple types of sexual violence; 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, major depression, homelessness, eating disorders, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the compassionate and dedicated individuals and volunteers for and in behalf of the survivors of sexual assault is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, volunteers provide 24-hour hotlines, and 24-hour response to emergency calls, providing support to survivors of sexual assault during medical examinations and police investigations; and

WHEREAS, professionally trained staff provide community awareness, risk reduction, and training to schools, churches, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, your support for our campaign to continue education and increase public awareness of sexual assault and its consequences to survivors is vital; and

WHEREAS, We agree that it is important to work toward a society where all individuals can live without fear of violence and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFOR, I, the Mayor of Santaquin City, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Adopted this 20th day of March 2002.

LaDue Scovill, Mayor

Susan/B. Farnsworth, City Recorder