

**CITY OF LACEY**  
***Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual violence is one of the most pervasive problems in our society; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness is the first step in promoting the healing and empowerment of victims; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Martin's University has established "Take Back the Night Day" on March 31, 2011; and


**WHEREAS**, government and law officials, domestic and sexual violence advocates, Saint Martin's University community, and the public-at-large will take a moment to take a stand against and talk openly about an issue that affects every aspect of a community's safety and wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Martin's University Office of Public Safety, Office of Counseling and Wellness Services, Office of Residence Life, the Women's Studies Department and Office of Campus Life are sponsoring a Take Back the Night candlelight march and sexual assault awareness activities for the Saint Martin's University campus and Lacey community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tom Nelson, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, proclaim March 31, 2011, as

***Take Back the Night***

for the Lacey community, and hereby urge all those in the Lacey community to join Saint Martin's University in the candlelight march at 7:00 p.m. on the Saint Martin's University campus, followed by a community gathering.

  
Mayor Tom Nelson  
March 24, 2011

