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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A Resolution Commending the Juneau Domestic Violence Task Force.

WHEREAS, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a social scourge that can be addressed only through a coordinated effort by social service agencies and the criminal justice system, and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Domestic Violence Task Force was established in March of 1995 as an interagency coordinating committee composed of Tongass Community Counseling, the Juneau Police Department, the CBJ Law Department, Alaska Probation and Parole, Aiding Women Against Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE), Alaska Child Care and Youth Services, Gastineau Human Services, The Alaska Department of Corrections, Johnson Center, Miller House, Bartlett Regional Hospital, The Office of the District Attorney, and other agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is modeled on successful programs that have dramatically reduced domestic violence in Duluth, Minnesota, and San Diego, California, and

WHEREAS, as part of a coordinated effort to secure reliable data about the nature and extent of domestic violence in the city and borough, the task force has determined that over the preceding eleven months in Juneau there were 732 reported cases of domestic violence which resulted in 275 adult arrests, and

WHEREAS, these arrests resulted in 228 prosecutions – 44 by the State of Alaska and 184 by the city and borough – for an arrest/prosecution ratio of 40% that exceeds the 34% ratio of the model program in San Diego, and

WHEREAS, these figures are limited to reported cases and give only an indication of the unreported violence that brutalizes people, torments families, squanders resources, and echoes through society in generation after generation of criminality, aberrance, and dependency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly acknowledges and commends the efforts of the Juneau Domestic Violence Task Force and thanks the Task Force for its efforts to ensure a safe community for all the families in Juneau.

Section 2. The Assembly urges that the agencies composing the Task Force continue to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of their efforts to combat domestic violence.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 1997.


Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:


Marian J. Miller, Clerk