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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDING FOR A
REVIEW OF THE NEED FOR AND BENEFITS OF ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE UNIT WITHIN THE ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women, more than
rapes, muggings and traffic accidents - every day 7 women die of domestic violence
injuries in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Alaska, Caucasian women die of domestic violence injuries at 1.5
times the national rate, and Native women die of domestic violence injuries at 4 times the
national rate; and

WHEREAS, in Anchorage, the rate of reported intimate partner abuse per 1,000
inhabitants is greater than the national rate, and there has been an 8% increase of
reported domestic violence cases from 1995 to 1998 (see attached statistics); and

WHEREAS, though the Anchorage Police Department has implemented community
policing, the department still has stand-alone units for homicide and sexual assault cases;
and

WHEREAS, there is only one Domestic Violence Coordinator currently assigned
within the Anchorage Police Department, and given the rise in reported domestic violence
cases in Anchorage, there may be a need to establish a stand-alone unit within the
Department for domestic violence cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Municipal Administration shall review the need for and the
benefits of establishing a stand-alone Domestic Violence Unit within the Anchorage Police
Department.


Section 2: That the Municipal Administration shall report back to the Assembly on
the results of this review.

Section 3: That this resolution shall be effective upon passage and approval.

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5 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23rd day of
6 November, 1999.
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13 ATTEST:
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REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES IN ANCHORAGE 1990 – 1999

	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
January	118	129	206	256	295	356	241	279	325	362
February	115	155	202	246	271	254	208	298	277	164
March	141	162	244	288	273	282	318	319	314	113
April	118	167	253	256	301	282	332	326	316	344
May	161	137	228	264	280	293	318	354	324	263
June	135	179	217	314	276	277	295	366	333	
July	170	198	224	309	271	321	303	374	300	
August	133	184	233	285	332	311	317	325	331	
September	137	174	208	301	278	324	270	326	320	
October	161	167	257	216	338	291	294	280	341	
November	134	167	239	236	257	263	280	284	286	
December	<u>167</u>	<u>208</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>335</u>	
Totals	1760	2027	2803	3241	3494	3482	3483	3824	3803	

Figures are based on Anchorage Police Department Reports
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