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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMING APRIL, 2004 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF ANCHORAGE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE THIS CRIME IN **OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, in the United States a woman is raped every 45 seconds, one in five adult women will be raped at some point in their life, and the rape rate in Alaska is more than twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, in the United States one in four female and one in six male children will be sexually assaulted before they are 18 years old, and Alaska has six times the national average of reported child sexual assaults; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person within the Municipality of Anchorage whether as a victim/survivor or a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a

WHEREAS, many citizens are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors through programs including education, crisis hotlines, support, comfort, and advocacy services throughout all stages of the recovery process; and

WHEREAS, due to the prevalence of these crimes we must work together as a community to increase public awareness and to educate our population about sexual assault prevention

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly proclaims April, 2004

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

and encourages the citizens of Anchorage to work together to eliminate this crime in our

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