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Submitted by: Mayor Begich and, Assemblymembers FAIRCLOUGH, Coffey, Jennings, Ossiander, Shamberg, Stout, Sullivan, Tesche, Traini, Tremaine, Whittle Prepared by: Department of Assembly For reading: April 12, 2005

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2005–86

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING APRIL 10–16, 2005, AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK AND HONORING THE PROGRAMS AND PRACTITIONERS WHO WORK TO ADDRESS VICTIMS' RIGHTS.

WHEREAS, in April 1981, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the First "Crime Victims' Rights Week"; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the U.S. Congress passed the strongest federal crime victims' legislation in our nation's history, The Justice for All Act; and

WHEREAS, despite significant progress in reducing crime rates and providing rights and services to crime victims over the past two decades, many victims of crime are still under-served; and

WHEREAS, those who have suffered a violation of their person, property, or trust deserve to be treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, crime victims play an indispensable role in bringing offenders to justice; and

WHEREAS, through public, private, and volunteer efforts of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim service providers, corrections officers, counselors, health care professionals, and the dedication and service of many other citizens, our community has already taken important steps to educate citizens about violence and victimization, and to address the rights and needs of crime victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves to recognize and honor all those programs and practitioners who work on behalf of crime victims, honor and remember those who have suffered personal tragedy, and reaffirm our commitment to build a better and more just community by commemorating *Crime Victims' Rights Week of April 10–16, 2005.*

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _______ day of _______, 2005.

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