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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
OCTOBER 2009 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND
ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF ANCHORAGE TO WORK TOGETHER TO
ELIMINATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not limited to female victims; and

WHEREAS, almost 75 percent of Alaskans have experienced, or know someone who has experienced, domestic violence or sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, the cost of domestic violence exceeds \$5.8 BILLION each year, including \$4.1 BILLION for direct medical and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, *The Alaska Violent Death Reporting System 2003-2005 Summary Report*, released in 2008 under the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, shows that 22 percent of the homicides in Alaska are domestic violence related; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects every person within the Municipality of Anchorage, whether as a victim or survivor of domestic violence, or as the family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim or survivor of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, many local citizens are working to provide quality services and assistance to domestic violence survivors through programs including education, crisis hotlines, support, comfort, and advocacy services; and

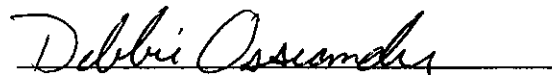
WHEREAS, due to the prevalence of domestic violence crimes, we must work together as a community to increase public awareness and to educate our population about domestic violence prevention measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes October 2009

"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"

and encourages the citizens of Anchorage to work together to eliminate crimes of domestic violence in our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of October, 2009.


Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk