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Assembly Chair Flynn
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CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 4/13/10

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2010-114

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGING THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE CITIZENS OF
ANCHORAGE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRIMES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, there are currently several bills pending before the Twenty-sixth Alaska State Legislature, Second Session which target the state's high domestic violence and sexual assault rates; and

WHEREAS, legislation supported by Governor Parnell includes funding for an expanded crime lab to process more evidence; HB 298 and SB 222 to prevent convicted sex offenders from out of state moving to Alaska without registering, HB 316 and SB 241 which outline a process for handling pretrial and post-conviction DNA testing, and HB 324 and SB 252 to update and toughen rules for pretrial and post-conviction releases; and

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

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

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 and in eighteen communities throughout Alaska, during simultaneous statewide events, people marched to increase awareness about sexual assault and domestic violence in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, while Governor Parnell led the march in Juneau, Attorney General Dan Sullivan, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Assembly Member Gray-Jackson were among those who led the march from the Delaney Park Strip to Town Square Park and spoke in Anchorage; and

1 WHEREAS, Governor Parnell and the Twenty-sixth Alaska State Legislature are
2 taking the lead and have crafted legislation to stem the tide of domestic violence and sexual
3 assault;
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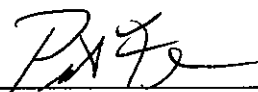
5 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:
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7 **Section 1.** The Anchorage Assembly supports increased awareness about sexual
8 assault and domestic violence in Alaska, and supports effective investigative, pretrial
9 and post-conviction measures.
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11 **Section 2.** The Anchorage Assembly supports legislation and the actions of
12 Governor Parnell and the Alaska State Legislature targeting sexual assault and
13 domestic violence, and encourages the Alaska State Legislature to move forward
14 measures to improve investigation techniques and to improve prosecution of sexual
15 assault and domestic violence crimes during this legislative session.
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17 **Section 3.** The Municipal Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution, as passed
18 and approved by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly, to be delivered to the Office of
19 the Governor and to the Alaska State Legislature.
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21 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of
22 April, 2010.
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27 Chair

28 ATTEST:
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32 Municipal Clerk
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