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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2010-297**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
OCTOBER 2010 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AND
ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF ANCHORAGE TO WORK TOGETHER TO
ELIMINATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center conducted a statewide survey of women in Alaska regarding domestic violence and sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, in late September 2010, the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center released *2010 Alaska Victimization Survey* thereby providing the first definitive measurement of the incidence and prevalence of violence against women in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, due to the prevalence of domestic violence crimes, municipal and state leaders have responded with recent legislation combating domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of AR 2010-114 on April 13, 2010, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly supported Governor Parnell and the Twenty-Sixth Alaska State Legislature's comprehensive legislation to combat domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Attorney General Dan Sullivan shared, at a luncheon in May 2010, the State's new initiative to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska over the next 10 years - *Strategic Plan to End the Epidemic of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence*; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2010, during Mayor Dan Sullivan's weekly press conference, Anchorage Police Department (APD) Captain Bill Miller described the Anchorage Domestic Violence Prevention Project (ADVPP) as the most effective law enforcement tool developed to respond to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, ADVPP is a collaborative partnership between the Municipality of Anchorage Health and Human Services Department, Municipality of Anchorage Prosecutors, Anchorage Police Department, and Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) shelter and is an intervention for holding domestic violence offenders accountable and increasing victim safety; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bill Miller also credited the coordinated efforts between the two APD compliance officers and Municipal Prosecutor's Office with increasing arrests for violations of conditions of release by 139%, based on the ADVPP data assessed between mid-2007 through October 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, at the October 6, 2010 press conference, Assistant Municipal Prosecutor Jo-Ann Chung shared that ADVPP contributes to the increased success of the Municipality of Anchorage Prosecutor's Office, that recidivism by offenders has

1 decreased from 24% to 17%, and explained that the amount of time to bring cases to trial
2 has decreased due to support for victims and compliance checks for offenders; and
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4 WHEREAS, residents, law enforcement, and local and state leaders are working
5 to provide effective services and assistance to domestic violence survivors through
6 education, support, and advocacy services; and
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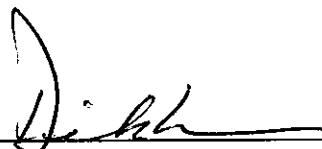
8 WHEREAS, we must continue to work together as a community to increase public
9 awareness and to educate residents about domestic violence prevention measures;
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11 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly joins President Barack
12 Obama in recognizing October 2010 as
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14 **"NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH"**
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16 and encourages the residents of Anchorage to work together to eliminate crimes of
17 domestic violence in our community.
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19 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of
20 October, 2010.
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