

**Municipality
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Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs
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Resolution 2021-11

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

**Regarding
Domestic Violence and Abuse**

Whereas, the community of Girdwood has been experiencing increased inquiries and concerns of the occurrence of domestic violence and abuse through the Whittier Police Department, Girdwood Police Safety Advisory Committee, and GBOS; and

Whereas, the resources for domestic violence are challenging for victims in Girdwood to access, especially throughout the last year of isolation during the Pandemic; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Chapel has experienced a significant increase of Food Pantry drive-through only recipients, demonstrating the escalating need of Church, community, and nourishment through the winter months of 2020-2021; and

Whereas, the Girdwood Clinic, Girdwood School, Girdwood Chapel, and Girdwood Fire Department are the most visible resources in our community for outreach and support of domestic violence victims; and

Whereas, domestic violence includes all forms of physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, verbal, spiritual, and financial abuse, including what is often a pattern of battering, threats, intimidation, isolation, and economic coercion, used by one person to exert power and/or control over another person in the context of intimate, dating, family, or household relationships; and

Whereas, domestic violence is not a singular crime but can encompass any criminal activity including property crimes, financial crimes, drug crimes, traffic crimes, and personal crimes; and

Whereas the epidemic of domestic violence is found in all types of communities and family structures, and severely impacts young and old women, children, and men, who often suffer in silence and feel misplaced shame and stigma because of their abuser's choices; and

Whereas Girdwood is isolated from resources available to Anchorage residents, so victims are often limited to primary responders, thus presenting additional challenges in accessing help and support; and

Whereas, domestic violence is present in our community and is never acceptable, appropriate, or defensible and will not be tolerated or defended; and

Whereas, communities in which crimes occur are the best jurisdictions to investigate and prosecute those crimes regardless of who it involves; and

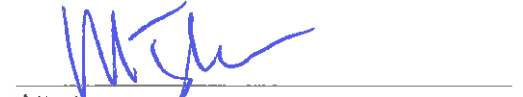
THEREFORE the Girdwood Board of Supervisors hereby RESOLVES to provide outreach, education and increased awareness of victim's rights, create and publicize safe places and contacts for support systems, and to assist this effort through the seeking of grants and other financial support to services for those experiencing domestic violence.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 24th day of May, 2021.



Briana Sullivan, GBOS Co-Chair

6/4/21
Date



Attest

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Date