

# City of Unalaska, Alaska

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all people living and working in Unalaska have the right to be safe in their homes, workplaces and community. Domestic Violence is widespread and devastating to many Alaskan families, and we must combat these crimes; and

WHEREAS, the physical and emotional scars of domestic violence affect men, women and children across our state in alarming numbers. Domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, security and humanity and can leave lifelong scars on the minds, bodies and spirits of victims; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, approximately one in four women and one in seven men have been victims of domestic violence, and 15.5 million children are exposed to violence every year; and

WHEREAS, one in three adult women in Alaska have been victims of stalking in their lifetime and one in nine Alaskan women 60 years of age or older experienced psychological or physical abuse in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a serious crime that crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious and societal barriers. In Alaska, we acknowledge the disproportional impact that interpersonal violence has on Alaska Native populations where 80% of Alaska Native women have experienced one or more forms of violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, as Unalaskans, we must demonstrate with our words and actions that we do not tolerate intimate partner violence. We will continue to build alliances among community entities, businesses and governmental, educational and faith-based organizations that will strengthen our families and hold offenders accountable for their crimes; and

WHEREAS, every October, we recognize the victims and survivors of domestic violence, and remind them that they are not alone. We also recognize those working and volunteering for USAFV (Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence), who stand ready to respond to those in crisis day or night; and

WHEREAS, USAFV provides safe shelter, advocacy, personal support and other services to adults and children impacted by domestic violence in Unalaska and Dutch Harbor; and

WHEREAS, USAFV seeks to prevent future domestic violence by providing education and outreach to people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF UNALASKA, ALASKA, DO HEREBY **PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO WORK TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF ALL VIOLENCE WITHIN FAMILIES AND WITHIN DATING RELATIONSHIPS OF ALL KINDS.

SO PROCLAIMED this 10th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Pro Tem

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Estkarlen Magdaong  
City Clerk