

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that impacts people of all races, ages, religions, income levels, genders and sexual orientations; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, spiritual and economic control, coercion and abuse; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has consistently ranked in the top 10 states in the United States in our rate of intimate partner violence against women; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs our nation more than 8.3 billion dollars annually in medical expenses; in police and court costs; in shelter and foster care costs; in employee absenteeism and non-productivity; and in other costs; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence; and

WHEREAS, Unalaskans Against Sexual Abuse and Family Violence (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, VINCENT M. TUTIAKOFF, SR., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UNALASKA, ALASKA, DO HEREBY **PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2021 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO WORK TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ALL VIOLENCE WITHIN FAMILIES AND WITHIN DATING RELATIONSHIPS OF ALL KINDS.

SO PROCLAIMED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

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Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk