

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 04-17-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
DECLARING APRIL 2017 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN CORDOVA**

WHEREAS, every Alaskan, regardless of age, race, culture, or status deserves to live free from harm and fear of sexual assault or abuse, and no one has the right to force, coerce, threaten or manipulate anyone into sexual activity; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds and occurs through acquaintance rape, stranger rape, sexual assault by a partner, child sexual abuse, incest, sexual harassment, prostitution, and pornography; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Alaska Victimization Survey reflects Alaska women reported a decrease of sexual violence in the prior 12 months of over 33 percent compared to the 2010 survey; and

WHEREAS, Alaska still ranks as the highest in the nation in this tragic statistic, despite our tremendous progress; and

WHEREAS, child advocacy centers evaluated 2,126 children in the state for possible sexual abuse last year, and 1,625 victims of sexual assault sought services at rape crisis center across the state in FY 2016; and


WHEREAS, communities across the state, including Cordova, are taking up the challenge, implementing evidence-based prevention programs, such as Girls on the Run, Coaching Boys into Men, and Green Dot Alaska; and

WHEREAS, because one person, organization, agency, or community cannot, by itself, eliminate sexual violence, Alaskans must continue to stand together and work to educate the entire population of the state about what can be done to eliminate sexual assault.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby proclaim *April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Cordova*, and asks all Cordovans to take a stand against sexual assault by joining advocates and communities across Alaska and the country in taking action to prevent sexual assault.


PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2017





Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk