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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**AR NO. 2011-78**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMING APRIL 2011 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF ANCHORAGE TO "CHOOSE RESPECT" AND WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE SEXUAL ASSAULT CRIMES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, Governor Parnell and the Twenty-Seventh Alaska State Legislature continue their commitment to craft legislation and promote initiatives to stem the tide of domestic violence and sexual assault, including HB 127 to strengthen laws related to sexual exploitation of children, domestic violence, and stalking; and

WHEREAS, two proclamations have been issued from Governor Parnell: On March 31, 2011, communities throughout Alaska will confirm Alaska's choice to "Choose Respect"; and April 2011 is proclaimed *Sexual Assault Awareness Month*; and

WHEREAS, the statewide initiative "Choose Respect" challenges Alaskans to end this epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault and to pass on a legacy of respect and honor; "Choose Respect" serves as a platform to raise awareness and proactively work across Alaska to stop sexual assault before it starts; and

WHEREAS, many local residents are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors through programs including education, crisis hotlines, support, comfort, and advocacy services; we must continue, as a community, to increase public awareness about sexual assault prevention measures; and

WHEREAS, in support of the "Choose Respect" initiative to end sexual assault, residents will march carrying banners and signs with messages of hope and support during simultaneous events in over 50 communities throughout Alaska on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and

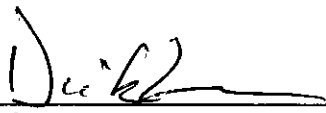
WHEREAS, in Anchorage, the march will begin at Delaney Park Strip (9<sup>th</sup> & F Street) and end with a rally in Town Square Park;

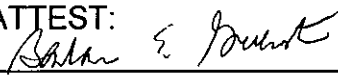
NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes April 2011 as

**"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"**

and encourages residents of the Municipality of Anchorage to "Choose Respect" and work together to eliminate crimes of sexual assault in our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.

  
Chair

ATTEST:  
  
Municipal Clerk