

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City & Borough of Sitka

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, anyone can be a victim of domestic violence regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, national origin, socioeconomic status, and the presence of a behavioral, mental, or physical disability;

Whereas, when a family member is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leave a mark on family, friends, and the community at large;

Whereas, violence against women and children is a prevalent social ill due to the historical imbalance of power in gender and age; however, intimate partner violence is widespread and devastating to society as a whole;

Whereas, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic and often long-lasting use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse;

Whereas, domestic violence can have a severe economic impact on victim and community, from increased health care costs to workplace safety and productivity;

Whereas, one in four women who reside in Sitka have experienced intimate partner violence;

Whereas, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals and agencies who provide services to victims of intimate partner violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem;


Therefore, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka hereby proclaims the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, urges all citizens to acknowledge that domestic violence exists in Sitka, and pledges to become an ally in fighting this societal problem.

Signed and sealed on this 25th day of September, 2018.




Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk