

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL TO RECOGNIZE THE DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE THAT ARE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DILLINGHAM AND TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE ISSUES OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND GIRLS

WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be a disproportionate amount of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People especially Indigenous Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 2019 the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, issued Executive Order 13898, Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska known as Operation Lady Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Curyung Tribal Council approved Resolution 2020-15 authorizing the development of a Missing and Murdered Community Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 46th President of the United States Joseph Biden proclaimed May 5, 2021, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be a disproportionate amount of Missing and Murdered Indigenous people especially Indigenous Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the Department of Justice, in some Tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average murder rate; and

WHEREAS, the disappearances and murders of Native men, women, and children is often directly connected to domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking, which is a direct threat to the citizens of Dillingham, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Dillingham recognizes the pain and loss of Families in our community that have had members gone missing or have been murdered, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Dillingham supports a cooperative effort to address this issue. We encourage other businesses, organizations, public institutions and community members to learn and teach others about the acute crisis facing Native People especially women and girls.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council May 13, 2021.

Alice Ruby, Mayor [SEAL]

ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk