Office of the Mayor City and Borough of Juneau

PROCLAMATION TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, all Alaskans have a right to be safe in their homes, communities, schools, and relationships; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Teens Against Abuse is working to prevent and end violence in our state; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual violence are persistent problems in Alaska, including for Alaska teens; and

WHEREAS, Alaska youth want to learn more about having healthy and safe relationships; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence involves the use or threat of emotional, verbal, physical, sexual, and/or other abusive behavior to hurt, harass, or control another person they have or had a relationship with; and

WHEREAS, teen dating violence can result in significant harm, including low self-esteem, anxiety, depression, suicide, self-harm, risky or unhealthy behaviors, increased risk of substance misuse and abuse, and low academic performance; and

WHEREAS, progress can't be made without educating Alaskans about teen dating violence prevention and awareness; and

WHEREAS, we stand with Alaska Teens Against Abuse in asking leaders at every level across our state to join them in raising awareness about teen dating violence prevention and uplifting teen leader voices and efforts to end violence in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Beth A. Weldon, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the City and Borough Assembly, do hereby issue this proclamation acknowledging February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month in Juneau.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska to be affixed this 3rd day of February 2025.



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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor