

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2021

The Petersburg Borough, in recognition of the critical work being done by domestic violence victim advocates and allies, encourage all citizens to actively engage in the scheduled Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in October organized by Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE) and other national organizations who are working towards the eradication of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is nationally recognized each October to generate awareness of violence and to promote taking action.

More prevalent than most realize, one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. Anyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual identity or orientation, or socio-economic status, can become a victim of domestic violence. This year's campaign theme, #Every1KnowsSome1, strives to highlight how common domestic violence is and that it is more than physical violence.

Petersburg joins with others across the state of Alaska and nationwide in supporting domestic violence victims and survivors, the advocates and organizations who serve them, and holding offenders accountable in the Petersburg Borough.

Therefore, I, Mark Jensen, Mayor of Petersburg Borough, hereby proclaim October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and October 21, 2021 as Wear Purple Thursday.

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Proclaimed this 4th day of October, 2021

Mark Jensen, Mayor