



MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2026

This April, the Borough of Petersburg, Alaska honors survivors of sexual assault and recognizes the deep and often unseen impacts of violence rooted in power and control.

The Borough of Petersburg denounces all forms of sexual violence, including assault, abuse, and harassment, and call on all Petersburg residents to recognize April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

We acknowledge the prevalence of sexual violence in our communities. Across the United States, more than half of women and nearly one in three men report experiencing contact sexual violence in their lifetime, and most survivors know the person who harmed them.

We recognize the disproportionate impact on Indigenous communities. More than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime, reflecting the ongoing impacts of historical trauma and systemic inequities. Meaningful prevention and response require addressing these broader injustices.

We acknowledge the lasting physical, emotional, and psychological harm caused by sexual violence, as well as its effects on families and communities.

April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time to recognize the resilience of survivors and the dedication of advocates working toward prevention and healing.

Prevention requires collective action, through supporting one another, practicing consent, and fostering a culture of respect and accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Vice Mayor of Petersburg Borough, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Proclaimed this 13th day of April 2026

Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Vice Mayor

