Whereas rape is a crime of violence that affects both women & men, tearing from its victims their dignity & privacy, which can result in physical pain and damage, mental trauma and lifelong emotional scars; and

Whereas in Bethel there were 22 cases of rape reported to the Tundra Women's Coalition in 1979, and it is estimated that only one out of every ten cases of rape is reported to authorities because the victim is ashamed & humiliated, fears reprisal from attacker, social disapproval, & the publicity of a court trial, or does not know how to report a rape; and

Whereas the Tundra Women's Coalition has taken upon itself the task of aiding victims of sexual abuse or domestic violence by furnishing necessary transportation and shelter, accompanying them to hospital or to the court, ensuring that proper evidence is collected, providing emotional support and a sympathetic ear when talking to police, lawyer, or judge, and helping victims to cope with the after-math of rape,

Be It Resolved that March be declared "Rape Awareness Month" in the City of Bethel, and I hereby direct all citizens to learn what rape is and what to do when it occurs, to encourage that the courts to prosecute and convict attackers, to understand.

that rape is not a judgment or reflection on the victim, and to take necessary precautions to prevent this crime from occurring.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1980, in Bethel, Alaska.

Done by

Major - John Quinn

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