

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION OF OCTOBER, 1990 AS BETHEL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.

WHEREAS an estimated 3 to 4 million American women of all races and classes are battered each year by their husbands or partners; and

WHEREAS battering is the single major cause of injury to women, exceeding rapes, muggings, and auto accidents; and

WHEREAS abused women comprise approximately 20% of women presenting with injury to hospital emergency services; and

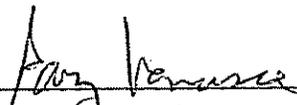
WHEREAS FBI data indicate that 30% of female homicide victims are killed by their husbands or boyfriends. This translates into the death of four women per day at the hands of male partners; and

WHEREAS sons who witness their fathers' violence have a 1,000% greater chance of becoming abusers than those who do not; and

WHEREAS approximately 13% of Alaskan domestic violence survivors sought and received safe shelter from TWC for a total of 4,576 shelter nights during the past year; and

WHEREAS the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America declared October, 1990 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during the month the City Council of Bethel, Alaska join this proclamation in celebrating the lives of women who have survived the crime of domestic violence, mourning those who have been beaten and died, and in encouraging the citizens of Bethel to become more knowledgeable about domestic violence.



Gary Vanasse, Mayor

ATTEST:



Anna McGowan, City Clerk