



City of Bethel Proclamation

Proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the Bethel City Council (hereinafter BCC) is the Legislative body of the City of Bethel, Alaska;

WHEREAS, Bethel City Council wishes to join the State of Alaska and the President of the United States of America declaring the month of April 2015 a Sexual Assault Awareness month;

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial and cultural, and economic backgrounds;

WHEREAS, the crime of sexual assault violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity;

WHEREAS, results from the Alaska Victimization Survey shows an estimated 37 out of every 100 women in the state have experienced sexual assault in their lifetime,

WHEREAS, results from the Alaska Fourth R pilot program show 30% of female youths and 16% of male youths in the state reported lifetime sexual violence;

WHEREAS, over 1,650 children were evaluated by child advocacy centers last year;

WHEREAS, speaking out against sexual violence is an important first step toward eliminating this devastating crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bethel City Council proclaims April 2015 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month and encourages its citizens to observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month by speaking out against sexual assault, listening to those who have been harmed, and letting others know that sexual assault will not be tolerated. May it be so declared.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature on this 28th day of April, 2015.

Richard Robb, Mayor

Attest:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk