

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Alaska

### Proclamation

WHEREAS, domestic violence, once a secret kept among families, is now recognized as a serious crime in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, over 57% of women in Alaska have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or both; and

WHEREAS, the LeeShore Center provided 4,996 emergency shelter bed nights and over 10,832 safety-check calls in FY23; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is generally a learned behavior passed down from one generation to another, and stopping this cycle of violence requires not only the resolve and courage of survivors, but also support and involvement from all of us; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention increase public awareness and understanding of the severity and extent of domestic violence in our community; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence in the home is a problem that affects every socioeconomic level in our society and causes not only physical harm but psychological consequences; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, local, state and national domestic violence agencies will sponsor events to help us focus public attention on the problem of domestic violence:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter A. Micciche, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as:

### *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and encourage all citizens to dedicate themselves to learning about ways to reduce domestic violence; and further encourage everyone to support the domestic violence programs in our community, including the LeeShore Center.



Peter A. Micciche  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor