

**Kenai Peninsula Borough
Alaska
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, sexual assault is an intolerable violent crime with public health implications for every person in the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault alone; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence prevention in the Kenai Peninsula Borough can be better addressed through education, counseling, support of victims and survivors, and increased support for service agencies in collaboration with The LeeShore Center in Kenai and Haven House in Homer; and

WHEREAS, The LeeShore Center and the Haven House staff and volunteers work year around to address sexual assault by providing 24-hour crisis services, offering support to those impacted by sexual assault, and providing prevention education and survivor empowerment information to schools, churches, and civic organizations as well as to medical, mental health, law enforcement, education and criminal justice personnel; and

WHEREAS, The LeeShore Center and Haven House continue to develop and improve the quality of service for those most profoundly and directly impacted by sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Navarre, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim April, 2017 as:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

on the Kenai Peninsula, and urge all citizens to support and assist The LeeShore Center and Haven House as they continue their efforts to provide hope and support, and diminishing acts of sexual violence and exploitation within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.



Mike Navarre
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Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor