

**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, domestic violence has severe consequences for survivors, their children and families, and has long lasting impacts on their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, 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 help increase public awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence in the home is a problem that affects every socioeconomic level in our society occurring in wealthy and disadvantaged neighborhoods, and includes the employed and unemployed; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is generally learned and passed down from one generation to another; 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, Mike Navarre, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2016 as:

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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



Mike Navarre
Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor

