



Alaska Native Brotherhood
Camp #1

Alaska Native Sisterhood
Camp #4

Resolution No. 44

TITLE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

WHEREAS. Domestic violence is a pattern of physical emotional, or economic abuse between intimate or domestic partners with the goal of one person to obtain or maintain power or control over another; and

WHEREAS. Alaska ranks in the top five states in the country for per capita domestic violence rates; and

WHEREAS. Alaska has the nation's highest rate of men murdering women; and

WHEREAS. Alaska Natives make up 61% of rape victims in the state; and

WHEREAS. The U.S. Dept. of Justice indicates that Alaska Native women are 2.5 times more likely to be raped during her lifetime, whereas for women as a whole the risk is less than one in five; and

WHEREAS. Additionally, 34% or more than one in three Alaska Native women will be raped during her lifetime; and

WHEREAS. Alaska Native communities experience the highest rates of family violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS. Alaska Native women experience intimate partner violence at 12 times the national average; and

WHEREAS. Alaska Native and Native American women are battered, raped and stalked at far greater rates than any other group of women in America; and

WHEREAS. Domestic abuse, sexual assault, child abuse, and incest continue to shatter individuals, families and communities on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS. There is a need to increase funding level by the State of Alaska to provide shelter, community education, professional training, prevention and treatment for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse, and batters programs; and

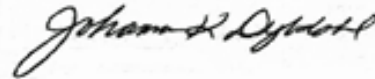
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT. The Alaska Native brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood at its regular meeting in Sitka, Ak. on September, 5th adopt this resolution and support agency allocation of funding or increases in funding in areas of services or prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse; and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Each Alaska Native Brotherhood camp. and Alaska Native Sisterhood camp be encouraged to actively plan and participate in community education during October – DV awareness month. April – Child Abuse Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month: and

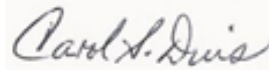
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, there be increased support and awareness of the Girls on the run and Boys on the run I Toowu Latseen programs.



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