

**HOMER, ALASKA
MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION**

**"ALASKANS CHOOSE RESPECT"
MARCH 31, 2011**

WHEREAS, Alaska struggles under an epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, It exists in many of our homes and communities, and threatens the future of too many of our children, families, cultures, and state; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans have both the opportunity and the responsibility to fight this scourge in our state, and lead Alaska to a brighter, safer future; and

WHEREAS, Last March, Alaskans joined together to take action and end Alaska's epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, Eighteen communities joined together for "Choose Respect" rallies and marches with a message of hope and healing for the many who have suffered from these crimes; and

WHEREAS, The work begun in 2010 has given more Alaskans the courage to speak and the strength to act.

WHEREAS, On March 31st a number of statewide "Choose Respect" events are planned and Governor Sean Parnell has issued a challenge for 40 communities to join the cause and stand together; and

WHEREAS, Working together, Alaskans can make a difference and create a culture of respect in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James C. Hornaday do hereby proclaim March 31, 2011 as the day Alaskans launch "Alaskans Choose Respect" to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

IN WITNESS WHEREIN, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Homer, Alaska, to be affixed this 28th day of February, 2011.

CITY OF HOMER

JAMES C. HORNADAY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JO JOHNSON, CMC, CITY CLERK