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## **HCR 28 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

All Alaskans deserve a life free from violence. Whether it is in the home, in relationships, or in our communities, every individual should live a life without fear and with security and safety. This resolution encourages Alaskans to speak out against sexual assault as we rise in unison to dispel the anger, self-blame, depression and anxiety that can be exhibited both emotionally and physically by those who have endured this terrible experience. This resolution emboldens Alaskans to declare that sexual assault of any kind will not be accepted.

As we embrace the Governors "Choose Respect" campaign we join him and march arm in arm as we continue our message against all forms of sexual assault in Alaska. HCR 28 also recognizes the dedicated work in Alaska of the volunteers, staff, and agencies who dedicate their lives to ensure victims have someone to talk to, a place to go and other services and avenues to help. These individuals and groups deserve our respect and support and we join them to remove the veil of silence and declare intolerance towards sexual assault in Alaska.

HCR 28 proclaims the month of April 2012 to Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Alaska.