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The Honorable Elvi Gray-Jackson Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Building Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Support for SB 43 – Establishing March as Women's History Month in Alaska

Dear Senator Gray-Jackson,

On behalf of Alaska Women Ascend, I am writing to express our strong support for SB 43. This important legislation recognizes March as Women's History Month in Alaska, reinforcing our commitment to honoring the remarkable contributions of women to our state and national history.

For nearly a decade, Alaska Women Ascend has trained women across the state to run for public office, effectively support candidates and issues, and take on a variety of leadership roles in civic and advocacy positions. One thing we know is that having visible examples of women in leadership inspires young women to see themselves in those roles—an essential first step in empowering them to step up and lead.

By formally designating March as Women's History Month through SB 43, Alaska acknowledges and celebrates these achievements, ensuring that their contributions are not forgotten but serve as inspiration for future generations. Recognizing these contributions is not just about honoring the past—it is about shaping the future. By amplifying the stories of women who have broken barriers and led the way, we create a powerful message that leadership is for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Alaska Women Ascend stands ready to support this effort in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Kay Brown

Chair, Alaska Women Ascend