February 13, 2020

Harold Rougeux PO Box 171 Kotzebue, AK 99752

The Alaska State Legislature State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Legislators,

I am writing today to express my support for Senate Bill SB-101, which was introduced on March 29, 2019 by Senator Olson. This bill would establish March 12 of each year as **Ashley Johnson-Barr Day** in honor of a young girl who was murdered in Kotzebue in 2018. I and many other community members participated in search parties to look for Ashley when she went missing, and her death was a heartbreaking loss to our entire state. A day honoring her would allow the state of Alaska to rally around the cause of reducing violence against Native women and girls, who are at much higher risk in Alaska and in the lower 48 than any other group. Please support the effort to memorialize this day.

Sincerely,

Harold Rougeux PO Box 171

Kotzebue, AK 99752

907-412-2506