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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2019-62**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY 2019 AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH.**

WHEREAS, teen dating violence is a serious issue that can affect a young person's safety, development, and sense of comfort and can take many forms, including physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, and can occur in person or through electronic communication and social media; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 Alaska Youth Risk Behavior Survey, one in ten Alaska students has experienced sexual violence during the past year; and

WHEREAS, 8.8% of Anchorage students surveyed have been physically hurt by someone they dated in past year and 6.4% were physically forced to do sexual things by someone they dated in past year; and

WHEREAS, Breanna "Bree" Moore was tragically murdered by her boyfriend in Alaska in 2014 as a result of dating violence, after which, her parents worked with the Alaska Legislature to pass the Alaska Safe Children's Act, known as Bree's Law; and

WHEREAS, most relationships are healthy and safe, where conflict is managed without despair or threats and where there is honesty, trust, mutual respect, open communication, and balanced power

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES February 2019 will be known as

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk