

Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #10 Sexual Assault Awareness Week Submitted by Skagway High School Submitted: September 21, 2019

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments:

- **1. Whereas,** It is important for us, as residents of Alaska, to recognize that sexual crime rates in our state are 3 times higher than the national average, and child sexual assault rates are 6 times higher than the national average;
- **2. Whereas,** Almost 75% of Alaskans have experienced or know someone who has experienced domestic violence or sexual assault:
- **3. Whereas,** Victims of sexual assault are 3 times more likely to suffer from depression, 6 times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, 13 times more likely to abuse alcohol, 26 times more likely to abuse drugs, and 4 times more likely to contemplate suicide;
- **4. Whereas,** 1 in 3 women in Alaska have experienced stalking;
- **5. Whereas,** 4 out of every 10 adult women in the City and Borough of Juneau have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime; and 5 out of every 10 have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime;
- **6. Whereas,** 1 out of every 4 adult women in the City and Borough of Sitka have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime; and 4 out of every 10 have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime;

7. Whereas, Due to a recent incident at Skagway School many students and faculty believe this

would be beneficial;

8. Whereas, There is a system put in place by Governor Bill Walker but it is up to the discretion

of the school on what to teach and how long the course will be;

9. Whereas, More than half of the girls at Skagway School have shared that they have been

objectified, sexually harassed, and some even sexually assaulted;

10. Whereas, Student's parents will receive permission slips and have the option to opt out of

the week:

11. Whereas, Skagway School student government will work with the school board,

superintendent, and councillors to create interactive activities, chose appropriate videos, and

bring in guest speakers to create a week of sexual assault education;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports that

Skagway school will implement a sexual assault awareness and prevention week annually every

April.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent

to the following:

Dr. Josh Coughran: jcoughran@skagwayschool.org

Skagway School Board President John Hischer: P.O. Box 497

Work Cited

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Association of Student Governments.					

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