

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-260**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, HONORING ADVOCACY GROUP LET EVERY WOMAN KNOW - ALASKA, AND CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALYESKA CLIMBATHON TO BENEFIT GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS EFFORTS.

1 **WHEREAS**, every five minutes, someone will be diagnosed with one of five
2 gynecologic cancers – including cervical, uterine and ovarian – and over 33,000
3 women will die as a result this year; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, many women diagnosed will experience no symptoms in the early
6 stages of their illness, making early detection difficult; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, with the majority of cases of gynecologic cancer not being inherited,
9 early detection is best improved through education and awareness; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage is fortunate to be the home to an active nonprofit that is
12 engaged in creative statewide education, support, advocacy and arts programs
13 unique to Alaska’s diverse communities and is dedicated to preventing, facing and
14 ending gynecologic cancers; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, that organization, Let Every Woman Know – Alaska (LEWK) is run by
17 volunteers, many having been personally affected by gynecologic cancer,
18 including survivors, family and friends, the medical community, cancer support
19 professionals, and other compassionate community members; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, much of LEWK’s work in Alaska is supported by proceeds of the
22 Alyeska Climbathon, an annual fundraising event where participants climb the 2.2-
23 mile North Face Trail at Alyeska Resort in Girdwood as many times as possible in
24 ten hours; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, September 10, 2022 marks the 15th anniversary of the Alyeska
27 Climbathon, demonstrating Alaskans love of combining outdoor recreation with
28 raising money for a worthy cause; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, September is recognized as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
31 nationally; Now, therefore,
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33 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY** recognizes September
34 as Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month and honors Let Every Woman Know –
35 Alaska and the sponsors and organizers of the Alyeska Climbathon for their

1 dedication to supporting fellow patients, survivors, and affected loved ones and
2 promoting the awareness and prevention of gynecologic cancers.

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4 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of
5 September, 2022.

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