

Municipality of Anchorage Alaska

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The General Assembly of the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, declaring that “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world;” and

WHEREAS: The United States played a pivotal role in the creation of the Universal Declaration; and

WHEREAS: The basic human rights addressed in the Universal Declaration include economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights, all considered to be equally important in fostering human dignity and freedom; and

WHEREAS: Each year on December 10th, the international community commemorates this event and recommits itself to the broader achievement of human rights and lowering barriers to full public participation; and

WHEREAS: The Anchorage Equal Rights Commission is proud of its commitment to ensure civil and human rights for all Anchorage residents and visitors by enforcing the Municipality’s anti-discrimination law that prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, educational institutions, financing, and practices of the Municipality based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, parenthood, and marital status, physical or mental disability.

WHEREAS: December 10, 2009, is the 61st anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2009, as

“HUMAN RIGHTS DAY”

AND encourage all residents to work together in the coming year on ways that we can achieve greater progress in respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the full range of human rights contained in the Universal Declaration.



MAYOR

