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7 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

8 AR NO. 99-12

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10 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING SAM OLIVERI
11 AS A "CITY HERO"

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14 WHEREAS, on Monday, December 14, 1998, in the cafeteria of Gladys Wood Elementary School, an orange
15 wedge caught in the windpipe of eight year-old Mark Johnson and stopped his breathing; and

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17 WHEREAS, Mark tried unsuccessfully to dislodge the orange wedge by putting a couple of fingers into his
18 mouth to grab the orange; and

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20 WHEREAS, school custodian Sam Oliveri, who was on lunch duty at the time of the incident, noticed that Mark
21 was choking and reacted on reflex by lifting Mark, putting his arms at his sides, then putting his own arms around
22 Mark's torso and successfully applying the Heimlich maneuver - a maneuver he had seen several times on an
23 instructional video in first aid training provided by the Anchorage School District; and

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25 WHEREAS, after the incident Mark said: "I thought I was going to die" - however, the fast-acting efforts of Mr.
26 Oliveri saved Mark's life; and

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28 WHEREAS, Mark's father said: "I wanted Sam to know that there was a family that knew and recognized he
29 saved my son's life" - and now there is an entire community who also knows and recognizes Mr. Oliveri for saving the
30 life of Mark Johnson.

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

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34 That, on behalf of the entire community of Anchorage, Alaska,

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36 **Sam Oliveri**

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38 is recognized and honored as a

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40 **City Hero**

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42 for saving the life of Mark Johnson on December 14, 1998.

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44 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 12th day of January, 1999.

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46 *Fay Von Henninger*
47 Chair

48 ATTEST:

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50 *Lynne Ferguson*
51 Municipal Clerk
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