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Whittle

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Date: 10-15-02

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2002- 339

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
HONORING MAHALA ASHLEY DICKERSON FOR HER LIFETIME COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY
AND JUSTICE**

WHEREAS, Mahala Ashley Dickerson graduated cum laude from Howard University in 1948
and was Alabama's first Black female attorney, admitted in 1948; and

WHEREAS, she was the first Black attorney to pioneer the last great frontier and was
admitted to the Alaska Bar in 1959; and

WHEREAS, she homesteaded 160 acres of land in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley; and

WHEREAS, she is the founder of Al-Acres, Inc., a charitable, educational, and religious
corporation, to which she also devotes a part of her homestead for recreational, charitable, and
religious purposes; and

WHEREAS, she has completed her memoirs, "Delayed Justice For Sale", profits from which
go to Al-Acres, Inc. for the benefit of scholarships for needy college students and for civil rights
causes; and

WHEREAS, she has practiced law in Alaska for 42 years, dedicating much of her time and
energy to assisting minorities, women, and the underprivileged in achieving equality in housing,
employment, and human services; and


WHEREAS, Mahala Ashley Dickerson has received numerous awards including the Zeta Phi
Beta "Woman of the Year Award", the NAACP "Freedom Award", the Valley Women's Resource
Center "Women's History Award", the Northern Lights Civic and Social Club "Mother of the Year
Award", the Denali Alaskan of the Year Award, induction into the Lawyer's Hall of Fame by the
National Bar Association in 1999, and the National Bar Association's Scroll Award in 2001, given for
outstanding service by Black women attorneys who have served over 50 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that

Mahala Ashley Dickerson

is recognized and honored for her lifetime commitment to equality and justice.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of October,
2002.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk
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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Mahala Ashley Dickerson for Her Lifetime Commitment to Equality and Justice	DATE PREPARED <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">M.O.A.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">15-Oct-02</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;"> Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM </div>
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Greg Moller
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Peggy Davis	HISHER PHONE NUMBER 343-4763
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5	Special Instructions/Comments <div style="text-align: center; font-style: italic; font-size: 1.2em;">addendum - action</div>	
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