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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO No. 2013-93

1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE  
2 QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR  
3 MUNICIPAL ELECTION OF APRIL 1, 2014, A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE  
4 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER BY CHANGING ALL GENDER-SPECIFIC  
5 TERMINOLOGY TO A GENDER-NEUTRAL TERM, AS APPROPRIATE AND INDICATED  
6 BY THE CONTEXT.

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8 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

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10 **Section 1.** A ballot proposition in substantially the following form shall be placed on the  
11 ballot and submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality at the regular Municipal  
12 Election of April 1, 2014, amending the Anchorage Municipal Charter by changing all  
13 gender-specific terminology to a gender-neutral term, as appropriate and indicated by the  
14 context.

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16 PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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18 CHARTER AMENDMENT

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20 AMENDMENT TO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER SECTION  
21 TO REMOVE AND REPLACE GENDER-SPECIFIC TERMS WITH GENDER  
22 NEUTRAL TERMS:

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24 Shall the Anchorage Municipal Charter be amended by removing each usage  
25 of gender-specific terminology and replacing it with a gender-neutral term in  
26 the Charter as follows:

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28 1. "assemblyman" shall be changed to "assembly member";  
29 2. "assemblymen" shall be changed to "assembly members";  
30 3. "chairman" shall be changed to "chair";  
31 4. "he" shall be changed to "the person" or "the assembly  
32 member" or other noun as appropriate and indicated by the  
33 context;  
34 5. "he/she" shall be changed to "the person" or "the candidate"  
35 or other noun as appropriate and indicated by the context;  
36 6. "his" shall be changed to "the person's" or "the candidate's"  
37 or other noun as appropriate and indicated by the context.  
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39 If approved by the voters at the April 1, 2014 Regular Municipal  
40 Election, this proposition shall be effective 30 days after certification of  
41 the results of the election.

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43 YES

NO

1 **Section 2.** The proposition contained in Section 1 of this ordinance, and the  
2 amendment to the Anchorage Municipal Charter, shall become effective if, and only if,  
3 approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question.  
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5 **Section 3.** The Charter amendment shall be effective 30 days after certification, subject  
6 to approval of the proposition contained in Section 1 of this ordinance.  
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8 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
9 September, 2013.  
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13 Erna Hoell  
14 Chair

15 ATTEST:

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18 Barbara A. Jones  
19 Municipal Clerk  
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