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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
AUSTIN QUINN-DAVIDSON FOR HER SERVICE AS ACTING MAYOR FROM OCTOBER
2020 TO JULY 2021.**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic hit Anchorage in March 2020 and elected officials and municipal leaders had to act quickly and decisively to safeguard the community; and

WHEREAS, amidst the strain of the pandemic, Former Mayor Ethan Berkowitz resigned in October 2020, which required an Assembly Member to fill the vacancy, and the Assembly selected Austin Quinn-Davidson to fill that role; and

WHEREAS, as Acting Mayor, Austin Quinn-Davidson and her family made great sacrifices of their time to perform this service, and like elected officials across the country, faced threats to their safety and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, as Acting Mayor, Austin Quinn-Davidson made history by becoming the first female and the first openly LGBTQ+ Mayor of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Austin Quinn-Davidson devoted herself fully to the position and in less than one year, mobilized distribution of a new vaccine, helped steer federal relief funds to local businesses, prioritized rent relief to those suffering from the pandemic's economic impacts, dealt with a local homelessness crisis made worse by the pandemic, and shepherded the city through a contentious mayoral race; and

WHEREAS, as Acting Mayor, Austin Quinn-Davidson strove to ensure consistent and professional communication and collaboration between the executive and legislative branches of the Municipality, including coordination of the COVID-19 response, guidance of the Assembly's Portal to Public Documents project through the IT department, support of the Assembly's annual budget request, and support of the development of the Assembly office space; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly expresses profound gratitude to Austin Quinn-Davidson for serving as Acting Mayor and leading our community through a tumultuous time with thoughtfulness, grace and fortitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly honors and recognizes Austin Quinn-Davidson for her service to the Municipality of Anchorage as Acting Mayor from October 2020 to July 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk