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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-293**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY CELEBRATING
WELCOMING WEEK 2023 & WELCOMING ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week is a global movement that annually celebrates the work of communities to become welcoming places and is an opportunity for communities to recognize those values through events and initiatives that foster connections and collaborations between immigrants and non-immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Welcoming Week 2023 is September 8–17 and will have daily themes which focus on civic engagement, connected communities, economic development, education, equitable access and more; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage is among the most ethnically diverse cities in the United States with over 100 languages spoken and traditions celebrated; Anchorage became a member of Welcoming America in 2014 with the establishment of Welcoming Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the tradition and spirit of welcoming in the Anchorage area has been fostered by the Dena'ina Athabaskan people, who have been the stewards of these lands for thousands of years – a tradition and spirit that is carried on by those the Dena'ina welcomed to their lands; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between native-born and foreign-born community members are essential in encouraging and preserving Anchorage's welcoming environment and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, in Anchorage, Welcoming Week celebrations include a Know Your Rights Training hosted by the ACLU AK and the Alaska Institute for Justice on September 12th and Welcoming Week Community Celebration on September 14th hosted by RAIS and Welcoming Anchorage.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That September 8-17, 2023 is Welcoming Week in Anchorage and encourages all residents to join in the community celebrations highlighting Welcoming Anchorage, the contributions of our foreign-born residents, and Anchorage's rich diversity and inclusiveness.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk