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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ADOPTING ANCHORED**
2 **HOME, THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS IN**
3 **ANCHORAGE: 2018-2021**
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6 **WHEREAS**, homelessness has been a persistent problem within the Municipality of
7 Anchorage for many years; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, after nearly a year of community engagement, the Municipality along
10 with many community partners created the “Anchored Home Strategic Action Plan
11 to Solve Homelessness in Anchorage: 2018-2021”¹ (Anchored Home), and it was
12 presented to Assembly Committee on Homelessness on September 18, 2018, and
13 to the community by Mayor Berkowitz and the Anchorage Coalition to End
14 Homelessness (ACEH) in October 2018; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, since then the ACEH provided monthly scorecards in early 2019,
17 prepared monthly updates to the Assembly Committee on Homelessness, and
18 hosted quarterly public meetings; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, Anchored Home addresses homelessness by directing resources to
21 four key pillars, or perspectives – investing in Prevention & Diversion, strengthening
22 the Anchorage Housing & Support System, ensuring Public Health & Safety, and
23 bolstering Advocacy & Funding; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, since October 2018, the Municipality, the Anchorage Coalition to End
26 Homelessness, United Way, philanthropists, business partners and homelessness
27 service organizations have worked to implement the foundational elements of
28 Anchored Home, including data collection and reporting, establishing coordinated
29 entry and intake, piloting supportive housing, and outreach efforts; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, while Anchored Home envisions building a more robust continuum of
32 care based on existing services, the services in Anchorage have been reduced
33 during the last 18 months. Given the ongoing State of Alaska fiscal uncertainty for
34 housing and homeless projects, implementation of Anchored Home has shifted to
35 meet changing capacity of the community. COVID-19 and its economic impacts on
36 new homelessness will continue to change demand in the coming months.
37 Anchored Home will now be supplemented yearly by an annual Gap Analysis and
38 Community Priorities document created by ACEH’s Advisory Council. This yearly

¹ The Anchored Home Plan is available online here: <https://anchoragehomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Anchored-Home-1004018-FINAL-1.pdf>

1 needs assessment will more precisely identify needed action steps yearly under the
2 umbrella of Anchored Home; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Anchored Home through its new implementation paradigm is finding
5 housing for individuals experiencing homelessness in the Municipality and creating
6 adequate capacity to ensure that homelessness remains as minimal as possible
7 and will be rare, brief, and a one-time experience; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, starting in March 2020, the Municipality of Anchorage was faced with
10 the COVID-19 emergency; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality opened mass shelter on March 21, 2020 to shelter
13 individuals experiencing homelessness in response to the COVID-19 emergency
14 and the remaining shelter providers reconfigured their operations in accordance with
15 the Center for Disease Control guidelines, including day and night services in a
16 single site, physical distancing in their facilities, shelter beds spacing, sanitizing
17 protocols and equipment, and storage for personal belongings; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, throughout the implementation of Anchored Home, the Municipality and
20 its partners have seen over 375 individuals moved to housing from shelters across
21 the Municipality during the COVID-19 emergency; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, while the Anchored Home Plan has been a guiding document for the
24 Municipality’s homelessness response it has not been adopted by the Anchorage
25 Assembly; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, while Anchored Home is focused on achieving functional zero by the
28 end of 2021 with its three-year priorities and action plans, the policies and principles
29 of Anchored Home can provide guidance to the Municipality’s public policies and
30 actions related to homelessness long into the future; now, therefore

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32 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES**, that the Anchored Home Plan is the
33 Municipality’s adopted plan to address hoelessness and until changed by
34 subsequent Assembly action shall continue to be the vehicle for continued and
35 welcomed community engagement and the implementation of homelessness
36 response policy and appropriations in the Municipality of Anchorage.

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38 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
39 of _____, 2020.

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42 Chair of the Assembly

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47 Municipal Clerk

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