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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 98- 323

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE'S EMPOWERMENT ZONE APPLICATION TO THE
FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage, through the efforts of the Department of Community Planning and Development, Community Development Division is submitting an application to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for Empowerment Zone designation; and

WHEREAS, an Empowerment Zone designation will foster the development of community partnerships to revitalize neighborhoods and provide the necessary tools to create jobs for economically disadvantaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Empowerment Zone encompass:

- 1) Achieving and maintaining economic self-support for residents to help them develop and retain the ability to support themselves and their families economically.
- 2) Achieving and maintaining self-sufficiency for residents to enable them to become and remain able to care for themselves in daily activities over the long term.
- 3) Preventing neglect and abuse and preserving facilities; protecting children and adults who are unable to protect themselves from neglect, abuse or exploitation; and preserving, rehabilitating or reuniting families living in the designated neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Empowerment Zone will provide benefits to Anchorage residents through the implementation of strategies that will endorse workforce support and development, neighborhood quality and physical infrastructure, and business development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly recognizes the need for:

Workforce support and development, specifically focusing on: job training, transportation to work support, childcare support, neighborhood employment and family support centers, enhanced youth after-school programs, job

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4 training, access to health care, and small business development centers;

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6 The need to cultivate the revitalization of its older lower-income
7 neighborhoods, specifically focusing on: safe decent housing, brownfield
8 assessment, community schools, public places, youth enhancement, crime
9 prevention, community policing, and libraries; and

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11 The need for business development and job creation, specifically focusing
12 on: satellite small business development centers, subsidized loan programs
13 for small businesses, and Empowerment Zone job and business creation;
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16 WHEREAS, given the development of our community's vision through a new
17 Comprehensive Plan, the Empowerment Zone designation will provide a tool to help
18 implement this vision and plan.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

20 That this body supports and endorses the Municipality of Anchorage's
21 Empowerment Zone application.

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23 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 6th day of
24 October, 1998.

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28 Chair

29 ATTEST:

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32 Municipal Clerk
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