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Date: 7-20-99

Submitted by: Assemblymembers VON GEMMINGEN,
Abney, Clementson, Fairclough, Kendall, Meyer, Sullivan,
Taylor, Tesche, Tremaine, and Wuerch
Prepared by: Assembly Office
For reading: July 13, 1999

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND REMEMBERING JOE
REDINGTON SR., FATHER OF THE IDITAROD

WHEREAS, Joe Redington Sr. moved to Alaska in 1948, purchasing his first sled dog as he crossed the border; and

WHEREAS, with an unfailing determination and constant good humor, Joe turned the improbable vision of a sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome into international glory as one of the world's most famous wilderness challenges; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Joe was the driving force behind the Iditarod - from hustling the first purse in 1973 to helping seed the careers of countless mushers; and

WHEREAS, Joe also encouraged many foreign mushers and he is greatly responsible for the growth of long distance mushing in regions from Europe to South Africa; and

WHEREAS, when people said that mushing a dog team to the top of Mount McKinley could not be done, Joe and his dog team reached the summit in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to introduce more people to the thrill of dog mushing, Joe guided his first group of Iditarod Challengers - dog mushing tourists - from Knik to Nome in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Joe passed away on June 24, 1999, at his home in Knik, at the age of 82

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves

That the Assembly honors and remembers

Joe Redington Sr.
"Father of the Iditarod"

- a true Alaskan who was loved and respected by Alaskans and everyone else who met,
worked with or drove dogs with him - he will be missed but never forgotten

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 20 day of July, 1999.

ATTEST:

L. J. Jorgensen
Municipal Clerk

[Signature]
Chair

**Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED 7/13/99
	A Resolution Honoring and Remembering Joe Redington Sr., Father	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED AR
	of the Iditarod	
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME George Wuerch
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Greg Moyer	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 4755
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS DATE
	Mayor	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Employee Relations Director	
	Municipal Manager	
	Finance	
	Community Development and Planning	
	Property and Facility Management	
	Management Information Systems	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Purchasing	
	Operations Manager	
	Cultural and Recreational Services	
	Fire	
	Health and Human Services	
	Police	
	Public Works	
	Transit	
	Merrill Field (Airport)	
	Municipal Light and Power	
	Anchorage Water and Wastewater	
	Port	
	Solid Waste Services	
5	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<i>For Action 1.C3.</i>	
	<i>7/13 postponed action to 7/20/99</i>	
6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <i>7/20/99</i>	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED _____

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