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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 99-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE RENAMING LORE PARK TO WHISPER FAITH KOVACH PARK, IN HONOR OF WHISPER FAITH KOVACH

WHEREAS, AMC 3.97 estalishes a means of recognizing and honoring persons who have substantially contributed to the Municipality of Anchorage by naming municipal-owned buildings, other fixed facilities and public places after such persons; and

WHEREAS, under AMC 3.97, this naming action may be initiated by a formal request of the Assembly to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly, per AR 99-143, desires to initiate such an action to remember and honor Whisper Faith Kovach; and

WHEREAS, though she never served as a public official or as a member of a Municipal board or commission, seven year-old Whisper paid the ultimate sacrifice - her life - in June, 1998 near an ice cream truck at Lore Street Park; and as a result of her tragic death, the Municipality was prompted to establish safety rules and regulations for ice cream trucks - Assembly Ordinance 98-139(S-2) - which was officially titled the "Whisper Ordinance", and

WHEREAS, these safety rules and regulations - which did not exist at the time of Whisper's death - has prompted safety awareness among ice cream truck drivers and has increased the safety of all children who live and play within Anchorage, and will hopefully prevent the death of any more children near ice cream trucks; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that Whisper Faith Kovach has certainly made a substantial contribution to the Municipality of Anchorage and renaming Lore Street Park - the site of her death - would provide a permanent remembrance and honor for her ultimate sacrifice and contribution to the safety of Anchorage's children; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has passed a unanimous resolution supporting the renaming of Lore Park to Whisper Faith Kovach Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES

That the Assembly renames Lore Park to Whisper Faith Kovach Park in remembrance and honor of Whisper Faith Kovach.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly of October . 1999.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk