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For reading: MARCH 7, 2000

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2000- 59

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS
OF "BRIDGE BUILDERS" AND ENCOURAGING ALL ANCHORAGE CITIZENS TO SIGN "THE PLEDGE
OF MUTUAL RESPECT"

WHEREAS, in 1996, Mayor Rick Mystrom invited several African American and Caucasian ministers to dinner to talk about how to prevent racial tension; however, what began as a discussion of black and white soon expanded to include a multitude of cultures and racial backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this dinner, a new initiative - called Bridge Builders - was established with its goal of building "a community of friends" among all racial and cultural groups in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the award-winning Bridge Builders program is helping to create a friendlier and safer Anchorage as members and guests gather twice a year for a summer potluck and a winter festival - where persons of different cultures are randomly paired and then gather for "get togethers" - and as friendships are made among people of all backgrounds, citizens of our community draw closer together, celebrate each others' cultures, and help each other in times of need; and

WHEREAS, given the richness of diversity in Anchorage, and the need to bring understanding and respect to every corner of our city, Bridge Builders developed the following pledge:

The Pledge of Mutual Respect

"We the people of Anchorage, Alaska, pledge to respect one another, celebrating the differences that make us unique: our customs, spiritual beliefs, cultures, colors, dreams and ancestral traditions. Standing together, hand-in-hand, young and old, we affirm that through mutual respect we can build a stronger, more harmonious community, a more unified nation, and a better, safer world."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

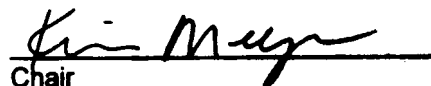
Section 1: That the Assembly recognizes the success of Bridge Builders and thanks Mayor Mystrom, Malcolm Roberts, and all those who have done so much to make Bridge Builders a vital program within our community.

Section 2: That the Assembly encourages all Anchorage citizens to sign "The Pledge of Mutual Respect" - a pledge to honor people of all colors, cultures, customs, and faith.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 7th day of March, 2000.

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk


Chair

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

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;">3-1-00</div>
	Recognizing Success of "Bridge Builders" and Encouraging Citizens to Sign "The Pledge of Mutual Respect"	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.5em;">AR</div>
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>DEPARTMENT NAME <div style="font-family: cursive;">Assembly</div></div> <div>DIRECTOR'S NAME</div> </div>		
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	Purchasing	
	Operations Manager	
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	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	
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6	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE <div style="font-family: cursive;">3-7-00</div>	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED

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