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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2001- 221_

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY CONDEMNING THE RECENT RACIALLY MOTIVATED ATTACKS IN ANCHORAGE, CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE SUCH INCIDENTS, AND CALLING FOR A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AND PREJUDICE IN ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, Anchorage is a diverse community with more than 18 identified ethnic groups making up nearly 30 percent of its population; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage has been horrified in recent months of alleged racial attacks against Alaska Natives and other minorities and must acknowledge that racism and prejudice exist in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, All elected officials have the responsibility to provide leadership in eliminating racism and prejudice in this City; and

WHEREAS, a community action plan is needed to eradicate racism and prejudice in this community and to eliminate discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

<u>Section 1:</u> That the Assembly condemns the recent racially motivated attack in Anchorage and finds the conduct of those perpetrating this act, or any similar conduct, to be reprehensible and unacceptable.

<u>Section 2:</u> That the Assembly concurs with Governor Knowles, the 22nd Alaska Legislature and the Alaska Federation of Natives in their request to the United States Commission on Civil Rights to conduct a formal investigation into this incident and other incidents of wrongful discrimination in Alaska.

<u>Section 3:</u> That the Assembly calls upon the Minority Community Police Relations Task Force (MCPRTF) and the Mayor's Kitchen Cabinet on Healing Racism in Anchorage to recommend a plan for removing existing barriers to cross-cultural understanding; to develop specific recommendations for a community action plan to eliminate racism and prejudice in Anchorage; and to identify specific legislative and administrative actions the municipal government can take to eradicate racism and prejudice in this community. The Assembly requests these recommendations by November 1, 2001.

<u>Section 4:</u> That this resolution shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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Municipal Clerk
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