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For reading: July 16, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2002-241

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY OPPOSING THE
DECISION MADE BY THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE 9TH CIRCUIT
REGARDING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND URGING THE REVERSAL OF ITS
RULING

WHEREAS, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit has jurisdiction over Alaska
and eight other Western states; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2002, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled it
is unconstitutional to require students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in school because
of the reference to God; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with previous U.S. Supreme Court decisions, public
school students cannot be forced to recite the Pledge of Allegiance; and

WHEREAS, Alaska State and local Municipal laws and statutes do not force
students to participate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance; and

WHEREAS, patriotic songs, engravings on U.S. legal tender, and engravings on
Federal buildings also contain general references to 'God'.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that

Section 1: The Assembly opposes the decision made by the U.S. Court of Appeals
for the 9th Circuit.

Section 2: The Assembly urges action to assure the reversal of this ruling.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
_____, 2002.

Chair

ATTEST

Municipal Clerk

Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
Agenda Document Control Sheet

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT A Resolution Opposing the Decision Made by the Us Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and Urging the Reversal of its Ruling	DATE PREPARED 9-Jul-02		
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM		
2	DEPARTMENT NAME Assembly	DIRECTOR'S NAME Greg Moyer		
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	Mayor			
	Heritage Land Bank			
	Merrill Field Airport			
	Municipal Light & Power			
	Port of Anchorage			
	Solid Waste Services			
	Water & Wastewater Utility			
	Municipal Manager			
	Cultural & Recreational Services			
	Employee Relations			
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer			
	Fire			
	Health & Human Services			
	Office of Management and Budget			
	Management Information Services			
	Police			
	Planning, Development & Public Works			
	Development Services			
	Facility Management			
	Planning			
	Project Management & Engineering			
	Street Maintenance			
	Traffic			
	Public Transportation Department			
	Purchasing			
	Municipal Attorney			
	Municipal Clerk			
	Other			
5	Special Instructions/Comments <div style="text-align: right;"><i>Peter</i></div>			
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>7/16/02</i>	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED		



