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For reading: July 16, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2002-241(S)

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

Section 3: The Assembly send copies of this resolution to Alaska's Congressmen and
encourage them to pursue establishment of a new Court of Appeals for the Northwest states, including
Alaska.

Section 4: That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 16th day of July, 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 Opposing the Decision Made by the U.S. Court re: the Pledge of Allegiance	DATE PREPARED July 12, 2002		
		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		
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY Peggy M. Davis	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER 4751		
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">INITIALS</th> <th style="width: 60%;">DATE</th> </tr> </table>	INITIALS	DATE
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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>addendum —</i> <i>G.B. Astor</i> </div>			
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED <div style="text-align: right;">7/16/02</div>	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <div style="text-align: center;">7</div>		

