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Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly
at the Request of the Mayor
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2002-342

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE IN SUPPORT OF
2 REQUIRING THAT ALASKA HISTORY BE TAUGHT TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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4 WHEREAS, an education rich in history and government is vital to the development of a
5 representative democracy and a civil society; knowledge of a person's own state history
6 and government is fundamental to informed and effective participation in state and local
7 affairs;

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9 WHEREAS, Alaska's human history is at least 10,000 years old and reflects the
10 diversity of Native, European, American, and Asian cultures; the study of Alaska history
11 should be as rich as Alaska's origins and evolution as a political community, and it should
12 take into consideration the ancient, historic, and modern interactions of Native,
13 European, American, and Asian cultures, economies, governments, and values; every
14 student graduating from an Alaska secondary school should do so with a demonstrable
15 understanding of Alaska's rich and unique history;

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17 WHEREAS, the face of Alaska is changing demographically, economically, and socially;
18 the speed of change makes it imperative for Alaska's citizens and leaders to have a sound
19 understanding of the state's history;

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21 WHEREAS, a knowledge of history provides a context for understanding where
22 Alaskans came from and what Alaskans value about the diversity and richness of the
23 state; that knowledge can help Alaskans make decisions individually and collectively that
24 will protect and enhance what Alaskans value both now and into the future;

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26 WHEREAS, a civics component to an Alaska history curriculum, including how
27 Alaska's economy and Alaska's form of government developed, is crucial to understanding
28 how to deal with today's issues, including urban and rural cooperation and the state's
29 fiscal challenges;

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31 WHEREAS, an educated Alaska populace with a full appreciation for the history of
32 Alaska will make better decisions for the good of all Alaska citizens, both rural and urban;

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34 WHEREAS, an understanding of Alaska's history will help Alaska avoid mistakes of
35 the past and will contribute to a prosperous, successful future for all Alaskans; and

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37 WHEREAS, Alaska schools are positioned to transmit knowledge of Alaska history to the
38 majority of people who will inhabit Alaska in coming generations; now, therefore,
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1 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

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3 **Section 1.** That the Municipality of Anchorage supports state legislation that will ensure
4 that every future Alaska high school graduate receives instruction in Alaska history that
5 comes from a broad based Alaska history curriculum that includes study of the state's
6 geography, resource development, economics, government, anthropology, art, Native
7 history, and cultural relationships, including components that are intended to examine the
8 dynamic culture of the state, including a Native studies component curriculum.
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11 **Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.
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13 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 22nd day of
14 October, 2002.
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