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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER, 2003, "ANCHORAGE YOUTH COURT MONTH"

WHEREAS, during September 2003, almost 900 youth courts in 46 states and the District of Columbia will
celebrate the first National Youth Court Month; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is home to the original Alaskan Youth Court, Anchorage Youth
Court, established as a nonprofit organization in 1989; and

WHEREAS, youth courts are one of the fastest growing crime intervention programs in the Nation, offering
communities an effective opportunity to partner with youth and the juvenile justice system to provide swift,
appropriate consequences for juveniles just beginning to commit minor criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Youth Court has effectively adjudicated an average of 400 juvenile criminal cases
annually since 1996, served as a model for most Alaskan youth courts, was one of four local programs helping
Anchorage earn recognition as an All-American City, and gained National recognition for its educational program,
community collaboration, and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Youth Court's effectiveness was confirmed by the results of a recent National study
showing that only 6% of the participants re-offended, the lowest recidivism of the youth courts studied; and

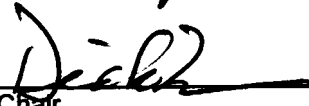
WHEREAS, Anchorage Youth Court exemplifies the practice of empowering youth through involvement in
community solutions by increasing public safety through holding juvenile offenders accountable for illegal acts, using
positive peer pressure to achieve law-abiding behavior, providing understanding and appreciation of the law through
classes and court participation, and developing individual competence and leadership skills through problem-solving
and decision-making.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly proclaims

September, 2003, "Anchorage Youth Court Month"

and urges the citizens of Anchorage to celebrate the valuable contributions to our community safety and quality
of life made by our youth, adult volunteers, and the Making a Difference Program partners through the
Anchorage Youth Court.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of September, 2003.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

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