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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE
VICTIMS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST OUR NATION**

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third one into the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth hijacked aircraft crashed in Southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers tried to take control of the aircraft in an effort to prevent more loss of innocent life and further destruction of American symbols of democracy and freedom; and

WHEREAS, these attacks were the deadliest terrorist attacks ever launched against the United States of America, killing thousands of innocent Americans and citizens of other nations including the passengers and crew of the four aircraft, persons in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon, rescue workers, and bystanders; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of chaos and desperation went valiant firefighters, police officers, medical personnel, and other rescue workers, without regard for their own safety, who assisted and saved the lives of countless innocent persons but, in so doing, hundreds of these brave souls perished or were injured; and

WHEREAS, these horrific events have affected all people of the World and all Americans of every ethnic and National origin, and it is important that terrorism not be allowed to break the spirit or resolve of the American people or any freedom and peace loving people anywhere; and

WHEREAS, by Joint Resolution, Congress passed Public Law No. 107-89 on December 18, 2001, designating September 11 as "Patriot Day" in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of these terrorist attacks.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Begich and the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolve that the Municipality of Anchorage joins cities, counties, and states across the Nation and people throughout the World:


To remember the victims of the attacks and those who lost family and friends; and

To honor the rescue workers who assisted in saving lives after the attacks, and at the same time, honor our own 'hometown heroes' - law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel - who risk their lives and assist Anchorage citizens every day.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 23rd day of September 2003.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk