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Prepared by: For reading:

Municipal Clerk January 24, 2006

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2005-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY PROCLAIMING JANUARY 25, 2006 AS THANK YOUR MENTOR DAY.

WHEREAS, someone in our young life—a teacher, neighbor, relative, coach, ministers, friend, or boss--has encouraged us, showed us the ropes, and helped us become who we are today; and

WHEREAS, too many young people do not have a caring adult mentor to provide encouragement and support; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs can provide the link to this support but programs need volunteers to close the gap; and

WHEREAS, January marks the fifth anniversary of National Mentoring Month and the Harvard Mentoring Project is calling on our country's greatest volunteer resource--our Baby Boomers; and

WHEREAS, more than 77 million Americans are Boomers, and with a lifetime of experience, the call is being made: "Share what you know ... be a mentor!"; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of mentoring programs and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring; and

WHEREAS, an excellent way to honor the person who mentored you is to "pass it on" by becoming a mentor to a young person in the community; and

WHEREAS, January 25, 2006 is being celebrated nationally as the third annual "Thank Your Mentor Day" which local mentoring programs with the Anchorage Mentoring Alliance, Friends of Alaska PYLI and Division of Juvenile Justice are utilizing as a day of volunteer recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly encourages Anchorage citizens to join millions of others nationally in honoring an important mentor in their life by contacting that person and letting them know the impact they had on their life and expressing appreciation what they did for them,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly proclaims:

JANUARY 25, 2006 AS ANCHORAGE THANK YOUR MENTOR DAY

And all citizens are encouraged to become a mentor to a young child and watch the ways in which the lives of children throughout the community will improve.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24th day of Janay, 2006.

anna l. fairclough

ATTEST:

Salme 5. Munster Municipal Clerk