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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
MAY 2005 AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH AND ENCOURAGING CITIZENS TO GET
OUTSIDE AND RIDE A BICYCLE SAFELY TO WORK AND FOR PLAY.**

WHEREAS, May 2005 marks the 49th annual National Bike Month designated by the League of American Cyclists, a national nonprofit bicycling safety and education association; and on May 4, 2005, a bipartisan bill was introduced in the House of the US Congress recognizing the same; and

WHEREAS, the MOA Department of Health & Human Services has partnered with Parks & Recreation, the National Park Service, SOA Department of Health & Social Services, Alaska Health Fair, ConocoPhillips, and UAA to promote bicycling as a healthy, leisurely activity as well as an environmentally friendly alternative transportation, and together are sponsoring *Bike to Work Day* on Friday, May 20th; and

WHEREAS, the People Mover of Anchorage recognizes the link between public transportation and bicycle commuting by carrying bicycles and riders on city buses; and

WHEREAS, bicycling is a safe, clean, and affordable mode of transportation for citizens of all ages, provides a unique vantage point for tourists, sightseers, and citizens of Anchorage to visit parks, travel to needed destinations, explore their hometown, and incorporate exercise into their everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage is home to over 120 miles of connecting paved bike and multi-use trails extending from Eagle River to Girdwood with numerous trails connecting to the Chugach State Park, a high alpine tundra park of some 495,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage trail system offers a variety of trail terrains and scenic views with access to many resources, facilities, and activities; and the American Hiking Society awarded Anchorage the designation of "Trail Town USA" and selected the City as one of the most trail friendly places in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That this body recognizes May 2005 as **National Bike Month** and encourages Anchorage citizens to get outside and ride safely to work and for play.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of May, 2005.

Anna J. Fairclough
Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

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