Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly

at the Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Mayor's Office For Reading: May 17, 2005

CLERK'S OFFICE

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No. AR 2005-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK BEGICH TO NAME THE TRAIL AT BAXTER BOG THE "ALICIA IDEN NATURE TRAIL" IN HONOR OF HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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WHEREAS, AMC 3.97 established a means of recognizing and honoring persons by naming municipal owned buildings as well as other facilities and public places after persons who have substantially contributed to the Municipality of Anchorage; and

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WHEREAS, under AMC 3.97, this name action may be initiated by a formal request of the Assembly to the Mayor; and

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WHEREAS, Alicia Iden has dedicated herself to community service and public leadership that inspires others; and

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WHEREAS, Alicia Iden has recognized the importance of respecting and preserving natural wetland and open space as a sustaining and valuable asset to the community; and

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WHEREAS, Alicia Iden, for more than forty years, has set an example for her neighbors and fellow community members in how to engage in positive community actions; and

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WHEREAS, Alicia Iden has worked consistently with her neighbors and public officials for 34 years to purchase and wisely develop and manage Baxter Bog; and

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WHEREAS, Alicia Iden has provided the leadership that resulted in the careful preservation of the Bog as a model natural wetlands park that supports abundant wild plants and animals; and

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WHEREAS, Alicia Iden ensured that the Bog trail protected the wetlands and provided good public access and views to the natural setting by thoughtfully walking and marking each section of the nature trail around the Bog as it was built; and

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WHEREAS, Alicia Iden's lifetime commitment of public service is key to the creation of a wonderful East Anchorage neighborhood wetlands park that will be appreciated by the citizens of Anchorage forever.

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## Municipality of Anchorage

May 11, 2005

Mayor Mark Begich Municipality of Anchorage PO Box 196650 Anchorage, AK 99519

Dear Mayor Begich,

In accordance with chapter 3.97 of the Municipal Code, you appointed a committee of five people to consider naming a facility in East Anchorage. The committee consisted of Brian Whittle, Bill Wielechowski, Assemblyman Ken Stout, Roger Shaw, and Sheila Selkregg.

We met on May 11, and voted to name the nature trail around Baxter Bog Park the "Alicia Iden Nature Trail." Ms. Iden has been a longtime proponent of the park and was one of the original members of the committee to create the park. We feel it would be a fitting tribute to name the nature trail after her.

We also support further upgrades to the Baxter Bog Park trail system through capital budget appropriations. Included in this would be changing existing signs in the park to reflect the new name of the nature trail. We would like to see the name change reflected in appropriate signage even if the proposed capital budget does not pass.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on this project.

Sincerely,

Brian Whittle

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A resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and Mayor Mark Begich to Name the Trail at Baxter Bog the "Alicia Iden Nature Trail' in Honor of Her Outstanding Contributions and Dedication to

Community Service

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## CLERK'S NOTE: AMC 3.97.030 reads as follows:

3.97.030 Procedures.

- Preliminary action in naming a facility may be initiated by the mayor or a quorum of the assembly. If the assembly is the initiating organization, a proposal in letter format addressed to the mayor will be prepared. Upon receipt of an assembly request to name a facility or upon the mayor's decision to seek a name for a facility, the mayor will appoint a five-member citizen panel subject to assembly approval to review proposed names, to hold public hearings, and to identify an appropriate name for the facility. The citizen panel may be composed of members of recognized boards and commissions.
- The facility naming panel will identify appropriate names for the facility. The panel may consider those names submitted by the mayor or the assembly or propose an alternative, taking care not to overlook the contributions of women and minorities to the city, state and nation. Geographic influences will be considered to the degree possible in selecting names for facilities. Upon agreement by a quorum of the panel, a letter advising the mayor shall be dispatched. The mayor will make the panel's letter an attachment to a resolution for consideration by the assembly. Memoranda as appropriate may be appended to the resolution to explain or amplify relevant information for the assembly.
- The assembly will set the naming resolution for public hearing at least one month after introduction and ensure appropriate information dissemination to the public during this period. (AO No. 87-73)