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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE
MAYOR'S TASKFORCE ON OBESITY AND HEALTH AND THEIR TASK TO STUDY
THE MANY ASPECTS, CAUSES, AND IMPACTS OF OBESITY AND DEVELOP A
TEN-YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE OBESITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, obesity is a significant and growing threat to the public's health, the implication of which include serious health consequences such as diabetes, coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, osteoarthritis, sleep disturbances and breathing problems, and certain cancers; and

WHEREAS, researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that direct costs to U.S. taxpayers for obesity alone reached \$75 billion in 2003; and

WHEREAS, according to the *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)* 58% of people surveyed in the Municipality of Anchorage are overweight, with 21% qualifying as obese; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology reports that 32% of students entering Anchorage kindergarten or first grade, and 36% of all Anchorage students are overweight or at risk for becoming overweight (*Prevalence of overweight among Anchorage children, A study of Anchorage School District Data: 1998-2003*); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General reports that 70-80% of overweight children will continue to be overweight or obese their entire lives; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute on Health (NIH) projects that our next generation of children will be the first in the history of the United States whose life expectancy is shorter than their parents due to the impacts of obesity and related health consequences;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

**THAT THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTS THE MAYOR'S
TASKFORCE ON OBESITY AND HEALTH AND THEIR TASK TO STUDY THE MANY
ASPECTS, CAUSES, AND IMPACTS OF OBESITY AND DEVELOP A TEN-YEAR
PLAN TO REDUCE OBESITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 28th day of
June, 2005.

Anna J. Fairclough
Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara S. Gruenke
Municipal Clerk

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