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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
AND HONORING BEATRICE (BEA) K. ROSE.**

WHEREAS, in 1957 Bea Rose moved to Alaska after Alaska's Territorial Congressional Delegate Bob Bartlett encouraged her and her husband Nissel (Mike) Rose, to go to the territory to help work for statehood and make a home in this land of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Bea Rose brought with her a BA degree in speech therapy from Boston University and was hired in 1964 for her first full time school district position by Nick Begich, the principal of the school on Fort Richardson; and

WHEREAS, Bea created and implemented speech and language therapy programs and procedures for the school district; and

WHEREAS, Bea treated autistic, developmentally disabled and emotionally disturbed children, as well as Alaska Native and foreign students who needed intensive training in the English language, as well as counseled parents and advised teachers on how to reinforce language training; and

WHEREAS, Bea was a long-time leader in education circles, with particular emphasis on special education. She served on the committee to initiate Special Education in Alaska; helped establish ARCA, now Hope Resources, to serve Alaskans with special needs; and served as the first PTA president at Northern Lights School; and

WHEREAS, Bea served for many years in key positions in the Anchorage Education Association, including as a Building Representative and as one of the most active members of the Political Action Committee for Education, or PACE. After her retirement, she volunteered for AEA at teacher job fairs, where she provided snacks of pilot bread and peanut butter for applicants planning to teach in the Alaska Bush; and

WHEREAS, Bea was an active member of the Democratic Party and worked on numerous campaigns, including elections for Nick Begich, Sr., Bill Egan, Ernest Gruening after she arrived, and many other candidates in the following three decades; and

WHEREAS, Bea was an activist in women's issues and participated in the Alaska Women's Political Caucus and National Organization for Women and was particularly interested in Title IX, which opened up athletic opportunities to girls in school. She served as Chairperson of the NEA-Alaska Women's Caucus; and

1 WHEREAS, starting in the late 1970s, Bea and her husband became activists in issues relating to
2 mental health. Bea served in leadership roles in mental health associations, was instrumental in
3 lobbying for passage of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Settlement; became a long-time friend to
4 a young man with mental illness through the Compeer program, and in 1988 was honored with
5 the Volunteer of the Year Award of the Mental Health Association; and
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7 WHEREAS, in 1958 Bea Rose, along with her husband and a small group of families, helped
8 establish Anchorage's first Jewish synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, so their children
9 could be raised with a Jewish identity and education in this far-away, isolated territory; and
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11 WHEREAS, Bea Rose was elected the congregation's first secretary, and through the years held
12 other board positions; helped create and taught at the Temple's Sunday school, assisted with
13 services and hosted events in her home.
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15 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly recognizes and honors
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17 ***BEATRICE (BEA) K. ROSE***
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19 And salutes her for her important work and volunteer service over many years that helped
20 to make Anchorage and Alaska a better place for children and families and all Alaskans.
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22 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of
23 November, 2005.
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26 Anna J. Fairclough
27 Chair
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