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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND
MAYOR MARK BEGICH TO HONOR THE MANY ATHLETES,
VOLUNTEERS, AND SPONSORS AND EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF THE 2006 NATIONAL
VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES**

Whereas, the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska was proud to host the 2006 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in which Veteran Wheelchair Athletes "Chased the Midnight Sun;" and

Whereas, this represents the 26th annual installment of the world's largest annual wheelchair athletic event; and

Whereas, the Anchorage games drew the 3rd largest number of participating athletes and largest number of spectators ever for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games; and

Whereas, participation of all 572 wheelchair athletes in the annual Anchorage 4th of July Parade allowed the community of Anchorage to further demonstrate its long-standing support of the brave men and women who have worn our nation's uniform in service; and

Whereas, the late George Pikus, a resident of Kodiak, Alaska was a staunch advocate for Veterans Sports Programs and the key proponent of bringing the Games to Anchorage; and

Whereas, members of the Alaska Disabled Veterans Sports Program and other Alaska Veterans including Vern Bussing, Latseen Benson, Larry Crothers, Tracy Durant, Kevin Fouts, George Guilford, Tyler Hall, Walter King, Susan McCauley, Michael Mueller, Don Peters, Walter Reihle, Jr., Kenneth Schoenlein, Tom Wilson, and William Campbell (Coach) represented our state with pride by competing in these games; and

Whereas, the employees of the Alaska Veterans Administration Healthcare System spearheaded a professional and volunteer partnership that more than filled the staffing needs traditionally met by regional Veterans Administration facilities many times their size; and

Whereas, the Northwest Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) proudly and ably continued the PVA's role as a prime sponsor of the games; and

Whereas, local event planning company Alaska Destination Specialists proved a model for efficient and enthusiastic management of the Games; and

Whereas, local sponsors, national sponsors, the Alaska State Legislature, and Alaska's Congressional Delegation ensured sufficient funding to honor these true American heroes in the manner in which they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

To recognize and honor all the volunteers, sponsors, professional staff, and athletes who helped make the 26th Annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games a complete success and fitting tribute to the nation's most deserving veterans.

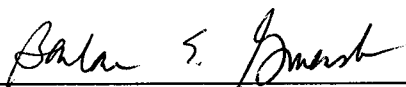
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15th day of August, 2006.



Chairperson

ATTEST:



Barbara Gruenstein

Municipal Clerk

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