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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2006-260

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REAFFIRMING A COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AS A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND JOINING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' "PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARD **INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES."**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is committed to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community and recognizes that cities and towns are the best place to make inclusiveness an everyday priority; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials can and should lead the way forward in making inclusiveness a priority in America's cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has designed the PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES to support cities and towns in their commitment to inclusion, and its members believe an inclusive community promotes equal opportunity and fairness and promotes citizen participation and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities' President James C. Hunt, Council Member in Clarksburg, West Virginia, has invited local officials to join the PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES and to make a commitment to building more inclusive communities in their own cities and towns:

NOW. THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1. That the Municipality of Anchorage reaffirms its commitment to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community, pledges active efforts to seek to achieve that goal, and urges all citizens within the Municipality of Anchorage to join together to support this effort.

Section 2. That the Municipality of Anchorage joins the PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES.

That the Municipal Clerk shall forward an approved copy of AR 2006- to National League of Cities, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 550, Washington, D.C. 20004, Fax:(202) 626-3043, or info@nlc.org.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26th day of Dan Sulwani Chair

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