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## ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2007–94

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THE GIFT OF LIFE THROUGH TISSUE AND ORGAN DONATION AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THIS CHARITABLE ACT.

WHEREAS, in 2003, April was established as "National Donate Life Month" in order to encourage people across the U.S. to make a special effort to celebrate the incredible generosity of those who have saved lives by becoming organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors and to encourage more Americans to follow their example; and

WHEREAS, donating organs, marrow, and tissue is a kind and compassionate act that can protect and enhance the precious gift of life; and

WHEREAS, more than 160 of Alaska's men, women, and children are currently on the national waiting list for organ transplantation; and

WHEREAS, Life Alaska Donor Services is dedicated to increasing organ and tissue donations through professional transplant services, compassionate support of families, and community education; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage supports Life Alaska's lifesaving mission; and

WHEREAS, local health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups and private organizations should be encouraged to help raise awareness of the urgent need for organ and tissue donors through our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly honors those who have given the gift of life through organ, marrow, tissue, and blood donations and encourages all citizens to consider following their example with similar acts of altruism and compassion.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10th day of 12007.

Dan Sullwani Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk