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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK
BEGICH TO ENDORSE THE WORK OF THE ANTI-GANG AND YOUTH VIOLENCE
POLICY TEAM TO REDUCE GANG-RELATED AND YOUTH VIOLENCE.**

WHEREAS, the Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Policy Team has adopted a mission to reduce gang-related and youth violence in our Tri-Borough communities of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and enhancing community peace and prosperity represents the highest order of responsibility for policy makers in the Tri-Borough area; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Policy Team was tasked with following up on the June 2006 recommendations of the Community Youth Violence/Gang Response Task Force; and

WHEREAS, gang-related activity promotes a culture of drug addiction, intimidation, and violence, and inflicts widespread trauma on citizens seeking community peace and harmony; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive approach to controlling and reducing gang-related and youth violence requires widespread participation of business, government, parents, faith-based and community organizations, schools, and youth; and

WHEREAS, these community partners must deploy a continuum of research-supported best practice strategies of preventive, early interventive, interdictive, corrective, and strict enforcement measures to prevent, control, and reduce gang-related and youth violence; and

WHEREAS, the best hope of long term gang violence reduction requires us to bolster community development, positive youth development, skilled parenting, adequate family employment, business ownership, educational achievement, and further the attachment of all citizens to a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, faith-based and community organizations can play a critical role in designing, developing, and providing these protective factors in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Policy Team of the Tri-Borough area commits to preventing and reducing gang-related and youth violence through:

- Effective parenting education and family support programs;
- Business interests to develop employment and career path opportunities for young people;
- A program to engage young people in community safety;
- Faith-based and community organizations to provide effective early childhood development programs, elementary school reading and math activities, middle and high school student mentoring, gang resistance incentive programs, and counseling and treatment for those youth already involved in drug use and gang activities; and

1 **WHEREAS**, The Tri-Borough Mayors and the Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Policy Team call upon
2 their communities to develop sustainable funding strategies to support community-based prevention and
3 youth development efforts and to support legislative proposals to bring new resources to gang
4 prevention and youth development initiatives.

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6 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

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8 To endorse the work of the Anti-Gang and Youth Violence Policy Team to reduce gang-related
9 and youth violence through prevention, intervention, and law enforcement efforts with the cooperation,
10 engagement, and partnership of the Tri-Borough communities.

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12 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 15th day of
13 May, 2007.

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