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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2007–194

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 11, 2007, A CITYWIDE DAY OF VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SERVICE.

WHEREAS, people of all ages and walks of life, across America and around the world, collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the events of that day instantly transformed nearly everyone's lives, some through personal loss, and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, an unprecedented, historic bonding of Americans arose from the collective shock, unifying the country in an outpouring of national spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage, and service; and

WHEREAS, many brave people, especially Fire, Police and Emergency personnel, heroically, tirelessly, and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own wellbeing at risk; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the memorials and monuments honoring those lives lost on September 11, and the efforts of those who participated in rescue and recovery efforts, do not fully capture the country's desire to pay tribute in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, many Anchorage citizens may wish to memorialize September 11 by engaging in, or making a plan to engage in, personal and individual acts of community service, or other good deeds, as part of a national day of recognition and tribute; and

WHEREAS, to lose this opportunity to bring people together for such an important endeavor would be a disservice to the community and the healing process that remains ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage citizens of all ages are encouraged to participate in the 9/11 COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE on September 11, 2007, to honor the victims and heroes of the 9/11 Attacks on America and raise funds for the RED CROSS OF ALASKA RESPONDER RELIEF FUND which supports Fire, Police, and Emergency personnel during local disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly that September 11, 2007, is designated a:

CITYWIDE DAY OF VOLUNTARY PUBLIC SERVICE.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this Anchorage Assembly the Anchorage Assembly t

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk