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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATING  
JANUARY 21, 2008, AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE.**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the King Holiday & Service Act in 1994 and expanded the mission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday as a national day of community service, interracial cooperation, and youth anti-violence initiatives; and

WHEREAS, to honor Dr. King in 2008, the Corporation for National & Community Service, in partnership with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Inc. will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the holiday with its national MLK Day of Service on Monday, January 21. The MLK Day of Service encourages people from all walks of life to utilize their day off from work or school to meet the growing needs of communities throughout America; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the MLK Day of Service is to bring people together who may not meet under normal circumstances; to find ways to break through barriers that have divided us in the past, in order to achieve common goals including non-violence, equality, and understanding, and to recruit year-round volunteers for ongoing community projects; and

WHEREAS, participation in the MLK Day of Service has grown tremendously and hundreds of thousands of volunteers from across the country have taken part in service projects such as tutoring and mentoring, preparing and delivering meals, building and repairing homes, schools and senior centers, as well as teaching and reflecting on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to have all Americans observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday as "a day ON, not a day OFF". The late Coretta Scott King said of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others"; and

1 WHEREAS, Anchorage will conduct its 8th MLK Day of Service Project on  
2 January 21 from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Spenard Community Center with an  
3 innovative youth mentoring project — 50 BIKES / 50 KIDS / 50 TEAMS OF  
4 MENTORS. In partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, Anchorage Parks  
5 Foundation, Corporation for National Service, and The King Career Center, this  
6 volunteer service project recognizes under-resourced Anchorage youth who may  
7 otherwise not receive recognition for performing outstanding service for their  
8 community and/or have assumed an extraordinary role within their family. Fifty (50)  
9 Anchorage youth, ages 8 to 17, have been nominated by local community agencies to  
10 receive a New Trek Bike. Nomination criteria included the Six Pillars of Character:  
11 Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship; and  
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13 WHEREAS, through the coordination of Municipal Parks and Recreation and  
14 Friends of the Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute, hundreds of Anchorage  
15 mentors have been recruited to help the youths put the bikes together while learning  
16 about bike safety, care and maintenance; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the generous contributions of TREK Bicycles, Points of Light  
19 Foundation, The Bicycle Shop, Starbucks, the Byrne Family, Hotel Alyeska, Denali  
20 Alaskan Federal Credit Union, Anchorage Sand and Gravel, Gottstein Family  
21 Foundation, Larry and Wilma Carr, House of Harley-Davidson, Witzleben Funeral  
22 Home, Shell Oil Corporation, and others have made this MLK Day of Service Project  
23 possible, and thereby, advanced the Dr. King's Dream for a beloved community  
24 marked by PEACE, UNDERSTANDING, APPRECIATION OF DIVERSITY,  
25 COMPASSION, EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE;  
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27 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:  
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29 January 21, 2008, is designated as **MARTIN LUTHER KING,**  
30 **JR. DAY OF SERVICE** in the Municipality of Anchorage.  
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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of  
33 January, 2008.  
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35 Debbie Ossander  
36 Vice Chair  
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38 ATTEST:  
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40 Sala S. Jovanovic  
Municipal Clerk