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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK BEGICH SUPPORTING THE 16TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE ON MAY 10, 2008.

WHEREAS, one in eight Alaskans, including one in five children, are at risk of going to bed hungry every night; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska distributes over 6 million pounds of food to a statewide network of more than 300 nonprofit agencies and organizations serving hungry individuals; and

WHEREAS, by late spring of each year, food banks start running low on donations received during the Thanksgiving and holiday periods and this event helps restock shelves for summer months; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2008, Letter Carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will be collecting non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in Post Offices and delivering the food to local community food banks, pantries, soup kitchens and shelters; and

WHEREAS, the effort by members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and other volunteers is the largest one-day food drive in the nation, and has resulted in delivery of more than half a billion pounds of donations to community food banks and pantries over the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS, last year, Anchorage and Eagle River Letter Carriers collected more than 60,000 pounds of food and this year they hope to collect more than 70,000 pounds of food.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly applauds and supports the 16th Annual NALC Food Drive May 10, 2008 and encourages the citizens of Anchorage to demonstrate the spirit of community through their donations.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of April, 2008.

Chair

ATTEST:

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