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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR No. 2008-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING CLARIS SYREN
FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY, THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ANCHORAGE AND THE STATE OF ALASKA.**

WHEREAS, Claris Syren, was born, the third of eight children, at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota on March 12, 1928 to hardworking Scandinavian parents and was raised in a rural farming community. She attended country school through 8th grade and Anoka High School from which she graduated in 1945; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1945, she enlisted in the U.S. Cadet Nurses Corp and received her nurses training at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, graduating in 1948. She arrived in Anchorage, January 5, 1952, to work at Providence Hospital in the maternity ward; and

WHEREAS, Claris married Alvin Syren, on June 11, 1955, and resided for more than 50 years in a log home, which they built together; and

WHEREAS, She has been an active community member involved in the PTAs of Fairview Elementary and Central Junior High, where her six children attended; served on the State of Alaska Election Board since the early 60's; and has worked for many years on Public Safety and zoning enforcement issues in Fairview. She has served on the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Board; several terms on the board of Eagle Crest and the Salvation Army McKinnell House. She has been an active member of Central Lutheran and Anchorage Lutheran Churches since 1952 and has served on the Pre-kindergarten board. She has volunteered on a number of political campaigns helping to elect leaders who support community development; and

WHEREAS, Claris is known in the neighborhood for her green thumb, she has served on the Fairview Community Council Executive Board as an officer and has been a long term active member of the Council's Beautification Committee and Fairview Flower Patrol, and was recipient of the 2nd Annual Fairview Beautification Award in 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that:

CLARIS SYREN

is honored for her commitment, dedication, and service to
the Fairview Community, Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of March, 2008.

Chair

ATTEST:

Sarah S. H.
Municipal Clerk