

Submitted by: Assembly member Selkregg and  
Chair of the Assembly at  
the Request of the Mayor  
Prepared by: Office of the Mayor  
For reading: April 15, 2008

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK  
BEGICH SUPPORTING DIVERSE REPRESENTATION ON ALL MUNICIPAL BOARDS  
AND COMMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage appreciates all of the diverse and hardworking members of its boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the missions of the Municipality's boards and commissions require an assortment of skills, backgrounds, and professional qualifications; and

WHEREAS, Municipal boards and commissions serve as an excellent opportunity for the public to actively participate in important community decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is one of the most multicultural, and diverse communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is home to the largest population of Alaska Natives, and one of the largest Native American populations of any community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage ranks third in America for community per capita population of Pacific Islanders and Native Hawaiians (behind only Honolulu and Sacramento), ranks 19th per capita for Asians, ahead of Chicago, Minneapolis and Washington, D.C. and ranks second in the country in the number per capita of people who are two or more races; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic community members of all races represent 7% of Anchorage's population and African-Americans represent another 7% of Anchorage's population; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 U.S. Census indicated that approximately 30 percent of the Municipality of Anchorage population is comprised of a diverse representation of racial and ethnic minorities; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2007 46 percent of students in the Anchorage School District came  
2 from ethnically diverse backgrounds, compared to 13 percent in 1976; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage reflects the U.S. population in that  
5 50.5% of the population is female, and females represent 50.4% of the Anchorage labor  
6 force; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is home to over 34,480 persons with  
9 disabilities or over 14% of the Anchorage population; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Municipal boards and commissions guide, review and regulate the  
12 day to day development and services of the community; and  
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14 WHEREAS, there are many organizations, newsletters, and newspapers that  
15 provide effective ways to reach out and inform citizens and communities regarding the  
16 opportunity to serve on Municipal boards and commissions; and  
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18 WHEREAS, serving on Municipal boards and commissions is a recognized and  
19 important public path for growing new community leadership in the both the adult and  
20 youth populations; and  
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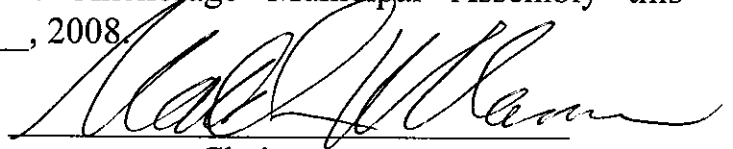
22 WHEREAS, in a healthy democracy it is essential that government and leadership  
23 reflect and include the public it serves.  
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25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Anchorage  
26 will increase outreach to diverse communities;  
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28 AND, supports the goal of increasing the diverse representation by race, ethnicity,  
29 gender and those with disabilities, as reflected in the current adult Anchorage population,  
30 on Municipal boards and commissions.  
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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this

33 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008.

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36 Chair

37 ATTEST:

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40 Municipal Clerk



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Mayor Mark Begich

## Equal Rights Commission

March 28, 2008

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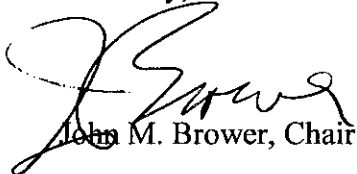
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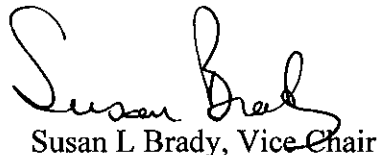
The Anchorage Equal Rights Commission members encourage your vote in favor of the "Resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and Mayor Mark Begich Supporting Diverse Representation on all Municipal Boards and Commissions," scheduled for reading on April 15, 2008.

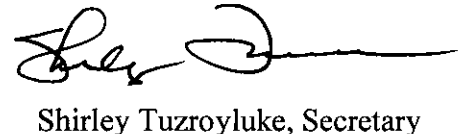
The Commission members appreciate the resolution's recognition of the important work they do, but Commissioners acknowledge that their service is rewarding and encourage people throughout our community to consider public service from all members of our community on boards and commissions. The Commission members understand the difficulty of recruiting citizens to volunteer on Municipal boards and commissions and thus, support the goal to recruit throughout our diverse community.

Many of the Commissioners are planning to attend the April 15, 2008, Anchorage Assembly meeting. The Commissioners would be available to answer any questions you may have at that time.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Brower, Chair

  
Susan L. Brady, Vice Chair

  
Shirley Tuzroyluke, Secretary

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