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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY CELEBRATING THE EFFORTS OF VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE IN ANCHORAGE ON MAY 30 AND 31, 2008 AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION.**

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WHEREAS, deaths due to cancer are on the rise in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, today, deaths from cancer can largely be prevented through healthy habits and early detection; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2010 new cancer diagnoses will be made in Alaska this year; and

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children; and

WHEREAS, in 1930, only 20% of those who developed cancer survived, and today, nearly 65% are cured; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is committed to reduce cancer deaths by 50%, reducing cancer incidents by 25% by the year 2015 and has funded 42 Nobel Prize winning researchers who have helped save countless lives from cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is holding its annual team Relay event, *Relay for Life*, in Anchorage on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, to have fun while raising money to fight cancer and provide services to cancer patients and their families,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED that the Anchorage Assembly**

1. Extends its thanks to all involved with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Anchorage for their efforts to celebrate successes against cancer, remember those who have lost their battle, and fight back against this dreaded disease.

2. Welcomes and encourages all members of the community to join in the fight against cancer by participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Anchorage on May 30 and May 31, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 6th day of  
May, 2008.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk