

Submitted by: Assemblymembers Birch, Claman,  
Coffey, Drummond, Flynn, Gutierrez, Gray-Jackson,  
Johnston, Ossiander, Selkregg, Starr, and Mayor  
Begich

For reading: August 19, 2008

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK  
BEGICH HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONGREGATION  
BETH SHALOM.**

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Sholom represents the largest organized congregation of Jewish people in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation has been in existence since September 5, 1958, when eight families held their first religious services in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Goldberg; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation formally organized on October 3, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Congregation has grown from its humble beginnings to a membership of more than 200 families, and serves even greater numbers of unaffiliated Jewish people in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Sholom not only provides religious and educational services directly to members of the Jewish community, but also serves members of the non-Jewish community through its highly acclaimed pre-school program at the Joy Greisen Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Sholom and its members believe that the values of tolerance and diversity are beneficial to the entire Anchorage community, and are active participants in the interfaith community throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Congregation members contribute to the health, well-being and vitality of life in Anchorage and the State of Alaska in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 50 years of service to the Anchorage community, Congregation Beth Sholom has established a reputation for caring for others, securing a place of honor in the hearts of many Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Congregation Beth Sholom coincides so closely with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alaskan statehood; and

WHEREAS, Congregation Beth Sholom will begin celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year with events on September 12 - 14, 2008, with festivities continuing throughout the year,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Anchorage Assembly congratulates

**CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM**

on their celebration of the 50 years serving the Anchorage community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk