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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATING
JANUARY 19, 2009 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress expanded the mission of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday to include a national day of community service in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to advance the dream of Dr. King by engaging people in activities that inspire ongoing service, learning and reflection on how his teachings can build a better community by promoting peace and understanding; appreciation of diversity, compassion, equity and social justice; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 King Holiday provides a rallying point to answer the call to service issued by President-Elect Obama, and an opportunity to engage the nation in realizing Dr. King's dream that people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrate the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others; and

WHEREAS, in this "challenging time" of our nation's history, it is of great importance that the community of Anchorage honor Dr. King's 80th birthday and celebrate this history-making inauguration of our new president with our commitment to serve; and

WHEREAS, the month of January is recognized as National Mentoring Month as part of this celebration and includes service projects such as tutoring and mentoring youth in healthy and nonviolent lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service hundreds of Anchorage citizens will participate in the second annual **50 Bikes/50 Kids Project** which provides new bikes to deserving young people; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Points of Light & Hands On Network, Anchorage Parks Foundation, Corporation for National Service, and The King Career Center, this volunteer service project recognizes under-resourced Anchorage youth who will receive recognition for performing outstanding service for their community and/or have assumed an extraordinary role within their families; and

WHEREAS, the 9th Anchorage Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service is sponsored by Anchorage Municipal Parks and Recreation, and interested community businesses, organizations and individuals; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Day of Service on January 19th, the Martin Luther King Foundation of Alaska, in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and many other community groups will host the annual

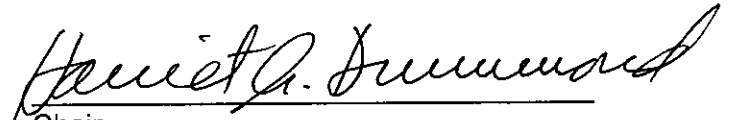
Community-wide 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the Performing Arts Center on Sunday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m. and the community is invited to participate in this celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

Section 1: *January 19, 2009* is designated as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service within the Municipality of Anchorage.

Section 2: All citizens are encouraged to serve the community; take time to mentor a young person, and help build a better Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 6th day of January, 2009.


Chair

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