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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2009-54

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING AND
RECOGNIZING TEAM NETWORK, INC. AND ALASKA INVESTNET FOR THE
ALASKA BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION, FOSTERING INNOVATION AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN ALASKA, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROGRAM
SUPPORTERS IN THE ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, innovation and entrepreneurship are vital to Alaska's economic future; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Entrepreneurship Content Index is one of the most recognized national measures of a state's innovation and entrepreneurship infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Milken 2008 Entrepreneurship Content Index ranked Alaska in last place in entrepreneurship and innovation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly wishes to foster and encourage development of infrastructure important to Alaska's economic future by recognizing organizations that are addressing the deficit in entrepreneurship and innovation; and

WHEREAS, TEAM Network Inc. and Alaska InvestNet are the two outstanding statewide non-profit organizations that promote innovation and entrepreneurship through active learning programs; and

WHEREAS, TEAM Network Inc. and Alaska InvestNet have organized and administered the statewide Alaska Business Plan Competition for nine years; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the statewide Alaska Business Plan Competition is to grow business, social and civic leaders through the integration of education, mentorship and collaboration in a competitive active learning experience; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Pacific University and University of Alaska Anchorage have exemplified academic collaboration by co-hosting the annual statewide Alaska Business Plan Competition; and

WHEREAS, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Chugach Alaska Corporation, First National Bank Alaska, Key Bank, Northrim Bank, Wells Fargo, Wedbush Morgan Securities, Alaska Manufacturing and Extension Partnership, Alaska Industrial

1 Development & Export Authority, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation,
2 SCORE and the Alaska Journal of Commerce have jointly sponsored and participated in
3 the collaborative success of the Alaska Business Plan Competition; and
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5 WHEREAS, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and Chugach Alaska Corporation
6 have implemented a leadership, scholarship and empowerment program for
7 shareholders through the Alaska Business Plan Competition; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly acknowledges the importance of
10 diversifying the Anchorage economic base and empowering Alaskans through
11 innovation and entrepreneurship;
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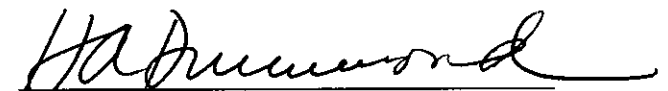
13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:
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15 **The positive impact of TEAM Networking and Alaska InvestNet**
16 **through the Alaska Business Plan Competition and their shared**
17 **commitment to Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Education, and**
18 **Collaboration in Alaska is hereby recognized and acknowledged by**
19 **the Anchorage Assembly.**
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:
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23 **The Anchorage Assembly thanks the joint hosts, sponsoring**
24 **and participating organizations for their contributions to the success**
25 **of the Alaska Business Plan Competition.**
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27 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 3rd day of
28 March, 2009.
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31 Chair
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33 ATTEST:
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36 Municipal Clerk