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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2009-55

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN OPPOSITION TO
INSTITUTING THE DEATH PENALTY IN ALASKA.**

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 9 has been pre-filed for the 26th Legislature -- First Session to allow imposition of the death penalty in Alaska for certain state crimes; and

WHEREAS, flaws in forensic evidence analysis on the national level are coming to light daily, calling for massive institutional reforms to be implemented; and

WHEREAS, many prisoners now on death row in states with capital punishment are subject to exoneration because of advances in DNA analysis; and

WHEREAS, Alaska as a state has never instituted the death penalty; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Territorial Legislature abolished capital punishment in 1957 in a measure stating "The death penalty is and shall hereafter be abolished as punishment in Alaska for the commission of any crime"; and

WHEREAS, in the 50th year and golden anniversary of Alaska statehood, the will of the people of Alaska should be celebrated and not shunned; and

WHEREAS, the pervasive will of the people since prior to statehood has steadfastly been to forego capital punishment in the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 9 has been referred to the Judiciary Committee and is scheduled for hearings on Monday, February 23rd and Wednesday, February 25th;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves as follows:

**The Anchorage Assembly opposes the introduction of measures
by the 26th Alaska Legislature to institute capital punishment in
Alaska.**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24th day of
February, 2009.

Harriet A. Drummond
Chair

ATTEST:
Beth S. Gruenli
Municipal Clerk

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