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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2009-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE 17TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE ON MAY 9, 2009.

WHEREAS, one in eight Alaskans, including one in five children, is at risk of going to bed hungry every night; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska distributes nearly 6 million pounds of food to a statewide network of more than 300 nonprofit agencies and organizations serving hungry individuals; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2009, Letter Carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will be collecting non-perishable food donations left at mailboxes and in Post Offices, and will be delivering the food to local community food banks, pantries, soup kitchens and shelters; and

WHEREAS, this event helps restock shelves for upcoming months because food banks will start running low on donations; and

WHEREAS, the effort by members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and other volunteers is the largest one-day food drive in the nation, and has resulted in delivery of more than a half a billion pounds of donations to community food banks and pantries over the last 16 years; and

WHEREAS, last year, Anchorage and Eagle River Letter Carriers collected more than 70,000 pounds of food and hope to collect substantially more this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly applauds and supports the 17th Annual NALC Food Drive on May 9, 2009 and encourages the citizens of Anchorage to demonstrate the spirit of community through their donations.

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