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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
HONORING MICHAEL B. SWENSEN FOR HIS 19 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

WHEREAS, Michael B. Swensen began working for the Municipality on June 11, 1990 as a Journeyman Electrician for Facility Maintenance. He was promoted to Craftsman Foreman in 1998, and under IBEW reorganization, assumed the new title of Journeyman Wireman Foreman in 2002; and

WHEREAS, although not a requirement of his position, Mike maintained a State of Alaska Electrical Administrator's License, which enabled him to obtain Municipal work permits on behalf of Facility Maintenance, at no additional cost to the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Mike led and directed 24 employees including carpenters, electricians and plumbers in the maintenance, remodel and repair of: Municipal facilities and its systems; trail and parking lot lighting; stairs, bridges, overpasses and tunnels; irrigation systems; and graffiti and vandalism; and

WHEREAS, Mike was a dedicated employee, cheerfully on time to work in the morning to help get his crew scheduled, and never misused his available leave. He shared on-call duties with supervisors for facility maintenance emergencies and was always available to respond to after-hours calls when needed; and

WHEREAS, Mike was committed to all current applicable safety standards and kept up with the ever-changing OSHA, State, Municipal and miscellaneous code requirements. He conducted weekly "tail-gate" safety meetings, which contributed to his workgroup being among the lowest of the Maintenance and Operations Department's accident, injury and workers' compensation rates; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his many years of employment, Mike received numerous calls and letters of appreciation from satisfied customers in departments throughout the Municipality for jobs well done; and

WHEREAS, Mike is a friend to his supervisors, and the entire crew of trade personnel he directed. He was compassionate to his fellow employee's life situations, often offering his personal ability and skill as a "counselor" to lend an ear to listen, or a shoulder to lean on; and

WHEREAS, Mike maintains an active, fit lifestyle and promoted the same to other employees, often encouraging healthy alternatives such as gym membership, exercise and weight loss, improved

1 eating habits, yoga, etc. He maintains a serene outlook on life in general, which often put the issues of
2 his work into proper perspective, avoiding unnecessary conflict; and
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4 WHEREAS, Mike is active in the greater community of Anchorage, and beyond, through his
5 membership in the Freemasons' Grand Lodge of Alaska, an organization encouraging and promoting "a
6 philosophy of ethical conduct which imparts moral and social virtues and fosters brotherly love." --
7 source: Freemasonry, The Craft); and
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9 WHEREAS, Mike is an avid golfer; he loves the quiet discipline of the game and always seeks
10 to improve himself through it, and is certain to have and enjoy many hours, days and weeks in the
11 pursuit of this challenge; and
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13 WHEREAS, Mike retired from Municipal employment May 29, 2009; and
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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes and
16 honors
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18 ***Michael B. Swensen***
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20 For his 19 years of service to the Municipality of Anchorage and the citizens of Anchorage.
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23 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 7th day of
24 June, 2009.
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