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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
HONORING MIKE ABBOTT.**

WHEREAS, Mike Abbott has proven himself to be an irreplaceable asset to the Municipality of Anchorage by serving as Municipal Manager, Deputy Municipal manager and in the key role as "liaison to the Assembly"; and

WHEREAS, Mike Abbott graced an average of 25 Assembly meetings per year over the past 6 years for a grand total of 150 Assembly meetings and a cumulative total of 900 hours in the Assembly Chambers; and

WHEREAS, Mike Abbott also clocked in approximately 600 hours of Assembly worksessions in preparation for these meetings; and

WHEREAS, these are 1,500 hours of Mike's life that he can never get back; and

WHEREAS, Mike Abbott has miraculously retained both his sanity and his sense of humor through it all; and

WHEREAS, Mike has helped guide the Assembly and Administration through such pressing issues as budgets, union contracts, recycling, bond propositions, and Snowzilla; and

WHEREAS, Mike has exhibited an almost spooky knowledge of municipal operations including the location of vending machines and leftovers in every single municipal facility; and

WHEREAS, Mike's wife and three daughters will no longer be granted a reprieve from Mike every other Tuesday night; and

WHEREAS, Mike has garnered so much face-time on Channel 10 that he was voted "Sexiest Man on Public Television" in 2004 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mike Abbott honed his already considerable skills of diplomacy, patience, endurance, perseverance, and determination in the hallowed halls of the Assembly chambers; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Anchorage will probably never know how instrumental Mike Abbott has been in ensuring that municipal government operates efficiently, effectively, and in the best interests of the community by facilitating communications between the Administration and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS if the Anchorage Assembly was the NBA or NFL, this would be the time that we would retire Mike's jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes and honors:

MIKE ABBOTT

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 9th day of June, 2009.

Debbi Ossander
Chair

ATTEST:

Berta S. G.
Municipal Clerk