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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
No. AR 2009-249

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND
MAYOR DAN SULLIVAN TO WELCOME DELEGATES TO THE 44TH
ANNUAL ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES CONVENTION OCTOBER 22-
24, 2009 AND TO THE FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE'S OF ELDERS AND
YOUTH CONFERENCE OCTOBER 19-20 AT THE DENA'INA CONVENTION
CENTER.**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is honored to host the 2009 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention scheduled for October 22-24 at the Dena'ina Convention Center and extends the warmest hospitality to delegates from across Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the 44th AFN Convention theme is "*Northern Dreams—Our Historic Journey Continues;*" and

WHEREAS, First Alaskans Institute's Elders & Youth Conference "*Generations of Wisdom, Generations of Strength*" is scheduled October 19-20 preceding the AFN Convention, bringing together more than 1000 Elders and Youth from rural and urban Alaska to network and discuss important issues to encourage the maintaining of traditional Native values and practices while thriving in the modern world; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Federation of Natives is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska, representing 178 villages, 13 Native corporations and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums. The mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the Alaska Native Community; and

WHEREAS, the AFN Convention brings an estimated 5,000 people from all parts of Alaska to Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage cherishes the rich cultural diversity that Alaska's Native people contribute to our city and our state, and values its role as Alaska's largest Native village; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage and the entire state are enriched by the weeklong dialogue which is broadcast live by radio, television and webcast; and

WHEREAS, all Anchorage residents are encouraged to extend a warm welcome to AFN delegates.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

To recognize and honor the traditions and knowledge of Alaska's Native peoples and to encourage the citizens of Anchorage to welcome our out-of-town neighbors to Alaska's largest city.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this
13th day of October, 2009.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk