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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
AND HONORING CAMP FIRE USA ALASKA COUNCIL FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT IN
BEING SELECTED A 2009 FAMILIES COUNT: FAMILY STRENGTHENING AWARD
WINNER.**

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA Alaska Council joins Camp Fire USA, the national organization, in celebrating its Centennial Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Camp Fire USA Alaska Council serves over 5,000 youth each year through its community centers in low-income neighborhoods, its summer day camps, residential camps and the Rural Alaska Program; and

WHEREAS, for over eight years, Camp Fire USA and the Annie E. Casey Foundation have partnered to support and expand family strengthening activities and practices among Camp Fire local councils by rewarding and recognizing exemplary efforts; and

WHEREAS, family strengthening is defined as a *deliberate process of giving the support unit for a child or children the necessary opportunities, relationships, networks, and assistance to raise their children successfully*; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA conducted a nationwide competition amongst all chartered affiliates and selected Camp Fire USA Alaska Council as one of only three councils nationwide for recognition and award for family strengthening activities; and

WHEREAS, Camp Fire USA's highlights of the Camp Fire USA Alaska Council's work leading to receipt of this year's award include:

- Camp Fire USA Alaska Council is the state's largest provider of school-age childcare, serving over 1,200 participants in its School Age Child Care Program each day;
- The partnership between Camp Fire USA Alaska Council and the Anchorage School District's homeless family support program provides immediate care for children whose families may be homeless or in crisis, thereby often ensuring that the children continue to attend school while living in a shelter;

- Implementation of inclusive, quality programs for youth that are accessible and affordable for working parents;
- The dedication of a full-time staff person, a Family Services Program Manager, who engages and supports families by investing significant time and resources advocating for services that support families throughout the state;
- Adoption of a five-year Strategic & Annual Operating Plan which includes goals to support family strengthening;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS:

CAMP FIRE USA ALASKA COUNCIL

for achieving national recognition from Camp Fire USA and the Annie E. Casey Foundation for its family strengthening activities and practices.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of November, 2009.

Debbie Ossander
Chair

ATTEST:

Barbara S. Brown
Municipal Clerk