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Date: 11-17-09

Submitted by: Assembly Chair Ossiander,  
Assembly Vice Chair Drummond,  
Assembly Members Birch, Claman,  
Coffey, Flynn, Gutierrez, Gray-  
Jackson, Johnston, Selkregg, Starr;  
and Mayor Sullivan

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel  
For reading: November 17, 2009

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2009-283**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATING  
JANUARY 18, 2010 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE.**

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WHEREAS, in 1994 the United States Congress expanded the mission of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day to include a national day of community service; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to have all Americans observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as "a day ON, not a day OFF;" and

WHEREAS, the late Coretta Scott King said of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others"; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service has grown nationally and hundreds of thousands of volunteers from across the country have taken part in various service projects, such as tutoring and mentoring, preparing and delivering meals, building and repairing homes, schools and senior centers, as well as teaching and reflecting on the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has joined in this celebration of public service and birthday by designating Martin Luther King, Jr., Day as a day of community service in January 2008 and January 2009; and

WHEREAS, in these challenging times it is of great importance that the community of Anchorage continue to join with others to honor the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a commitment to serve; and

WHEREAS, there will be a community-wide celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation of Alaska in partnership with the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, honoring Dr. King and encouraging public service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Bar Association, representing all lawyers in Alaska, has passed a resolution: "To adopt Martin Luther King Day as a day of service and to encourage Bar members to engage in public service and pro bono projects on that day


1 within their community in accordance with the purposes of the Alaska Bar Association to  
2 increase public service;" and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Alaska Bar Association and the Alaska Court System are  
5 sponsoring an all-day legal clinic on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18, 2010, at the  
6 Mountain View Community Center in Anchorage, to offer free legal advice and information  
7 by volunteer attorneys in the areas of Family Law, Landlord-Tenant Law, and Public  
8 Benefits Law to those in the community that cannot otherwise afford legal services;  
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10 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves as follows:

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- 12 1. January 18, 2010 is designated as **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF**  
13 **SERVICE** in the Municipality of Anchorage.
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  - 15 2. The Anchorage Municipal Assembly commends and supports the Alaska  
16 Bar Association and the Alaska Court System in holding a free legal clinic for  
17 those in need on that day.
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  - 19 3. The Anchorage Municipal Assembly encourages other organizations and  
20 volunteers to plan activities of service to those in need on Martin Luther King,  
21 Jr. Day of Service.

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23 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
24 November, 2009.  
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