Submitted by: ASSEMBLY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2010–20

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO APPREHEND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF ANCHORAGE POLICE OFFICER JASON ALLEN, RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY EFFORTS AND ASSISTANCE, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE SACRIFICE MADE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, our community is shaken by the drive-by shooting of Anchorage Police Officer Jason Allen in the early morning hours of January 9, 2010, as he was seated in his parked patrol car, completing paperwork during his shift; and

WHEREAS, at a recent press briefing, Mayor Sullivan said that when a police officer is attacked, our entire community is attacked; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Troopers, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Seattle Police Department and other agencies are assisting the Anchorage Police Department investigating this shooting; and

WHEREAS, our community is also rallying to assist in recovery from these events and some examples include the Anchorage Police Department Employees Association offer of a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the shooter, which has been matched by the Mayor's Office; a local bingo parlor business operator has donated \$10,000 to a fund benefiting Officer Jason Allen and his family; a drinking and dancing establishment in Spenard has hosted a fundraiser featuring local bands; and the Anchorage Education Association, has contributed to the reward and family funds; and

WHEREAS, our community is hopeful in Officer Jason Allen's anticipated recovery from the serious inflicted injuries, thanks in part to his sheer will and his bullet-proof vest;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:

The Municipality of Anchorage recognizes the sacrifices Anchorage Police Officers and their families make in serving our community. We are proud of our Police Department, represented most recently in the events surrounding Officer Jason Allen, who is one of many Anchorage police officers who serve our community. The law enforcement support and community support toward Officer Jason Allen's recovery and the apprehension of those responsible for this crime are testaments to the strength of our community, and make all of Anchorage proud. We take this occasion to thank the law enforcement officers and families who support our community.