

Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBERS GRAY-JACKSON,
DRUMMOND, BIRCH, FLYNN, GUTIERREZ, HALL,
HONEMAN, JOHNSTON, OSSIANDER, STARR, TRAINI
AND MAYOR SULLIVAN

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office
For reading: February 15, 2011

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date:

2-15-11

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2011-44

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING**
2 **CONTRIBUTORS AND DONORS TO THE SIGN CAMPAIGN ON PEOPLE MOVER**
3 **BUSES "PANHANDLING IS ILLEGAL. DONATE TO A LOCAL CHARITY INSTEAD."**
4

5 WHEREAS, earlier this school year at Rogers Park Elementary, Mr. Huycke's
6 5th Grade class studied panhandling and sought solutions to this community issue. They
7 listened to presentations by Bean's Café Executive Director James Crockett and an
8 Anchorage Police Department officer, wrote a letter to the editor of the Anchorage Daily
9 News, and volunteered at Bean's Café; and

10
11 WHEREAS, on October 12, 2010, Vanessa Duhrsen, Tabitha Wheeler and Seth
12 De'Ath, three students from Mr. Huycke's class, appeared before the Anchorage Municipal
13 Assembly and shared what the class learned about panhandling; and

14
15 WHEREAS, Vanessa Duhrsen reported that charities can really help homeless
16 residents more so than money given directly to panhandlers; and

17
18 WHEREAS, Tabitha Wheeler noted that, since 2004, it is illegal to stand on the side
19 of the road asking for money and for drivers to hand money through an open car window;
20 Tabitha added that over the years residents have forgotten about this law; and

21
22 WHEREAS, Seth De'Ath explained that their mission is to help panhandlers in a
23 productive way; Seth suggested that police trainees monitor day-to-day panhandling, that
24 People Mover buses, overpasses, businesses, and neighborhoods display signs, and that
25 letters to local newspapers discuss this community issue; and


26
27 WHEREAS, Vanessa Duhrsen ended their appearance with a plea for residents to
28 volunteer at charities and to donate to charities instead of giving money directly to
29 panhandlers; she called upon the Anchorage Municipal Assembly to spread that message
30 throughout the community and to allow People Mover buses to advertise that message; and

31
32 WHEREAS, due to the eloquent appeals by these observant young residents and the
33 interest of Mr. Huycke's 5th Grade class in this community issue, eight People Mover buses
34 now proudly display bold signage stating: "*Panhandling is illegal. Donate to a local charity*
35 *instead.*";

36
37 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes and
38 appreciates the contributions of Mr. Huycke's 5th Grade class, the in-kind services of
39 Municipality of Anchorage staff and Drummond Design, and the monetary donations from
40 International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1264, Anchorage Police Department

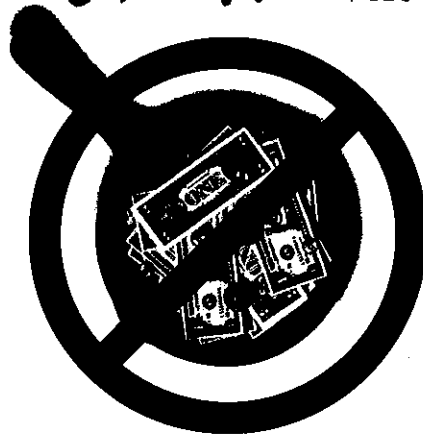
1 Employees Association, Eberhardt Advertising and First National Bank Alaska, to educate
2 the community on this issue.

3
4 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15th day of
5 February, 2011.

6
7
8 
9 _____
Chair

10 ATTEST:

11
12 
13 _____
14 Municipal Clerk



Handhanddling is illegal.*

DONATE TO A LOCAL CHARITY INSTEAD.

This message made possible by generous donations from:



* MOA Ordinance 24.80.015
Penalty/Fine: up to \$2,000