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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2011-235**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
ANCHORAGE UNITED FOR YOUTH'S GOAL OF 90% ON-TIME GRADUATION OF
ANCHORAGE YOUTH FROM HIGH SCHOOL BY 2020.**

WHEREAS, high school graduation is a critical milestone for a youth and his/her family and serves as an important predictor of individual financial and life success; and

WHEREAS, educational achievement is a bellwether of economic growth capacity and socio-economic stability which is attractive to business investment in the community; and

WHEREAS, it takes strong families, excellent schools, and supportive communities to help our youth make good choices, stay on track, and graduate on time; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage United for Youth is a coordinated public-private community-wide partnership convened by United Way of Anchorage to align efforts and resources in a focused, intentional, and coordinated plan to drive better educational outcomes for Anchorage youth; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage United for Youth has set a goal to increase the on-time graduation rate of Anchorage youth from high school to 90% by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the current on-time high school graduation rate of 71% is better than it was when Anchorage United for Youth formed four years ago, and it remains imperative to increase the number of youth who graduate on time from high school; and

WHEREAS, achieving a 90% on-time high school graduation rate by 2020 requires the community to unite in support of this goal; and

WHEREAS, increasing the on-time graduation rate requires the schools, government, service organizations, private sector, faith community, and concerned community members to stand united for Anchorage's youth, and commit to improved educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, every Anchorage resident can take initiative in the 90% On-time Graduation of Anchorage Youth from High School by 2020 with simple actions to support Anchorage's youth; and

WHEREAS, service organizations can be part of the 90% On-time Graduation by 2020 goal through alignment of programs and services with the Anchorage United for Youth plan; and

1 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage can promote 90% On-time Graduation of by
2 2020 goal by aligning the upcoming education summit to foster and deepen strong
3 connections between families, schools, and community partners to improve educational
4 outcomes; and
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6 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly endorses
7 the Anchorage United for Youth's goal of 90% On-time Graduation of Anchorage Youth from
8 High School by 2020 and urges all members of the Anchorage community to become active
9 participants and supporters.

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11 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of
12 September, 2011.
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16 Debbie Osmaier
17 Chair
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20 ATTEST:

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24 Municipal Clerk
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