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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR NO. 2011-310

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING FORMER ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR PAMELA SCOTT WASHINGTON AND RECOGNIZING HER JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE OF ALASKA DISTRICT COURT.**

WHEREAS, Pamela Washington is a proud alumnus of Clark Middle School and Chugiak High School, having moved from her birth place, New Orleans, to Anchorage with her family in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Washington earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications from Northern Arizona University in 1984, and her Juris Doctorate from Arizona State University in 1991; and

WHEREAS, after clerking for the Alaska Public Defender Agency and Alaska Superior Court Judge John Reese, Pamela Washington maintained her own law office for ten years in family law, employment law, criminal defense and personal injury; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, after 13 years in private practice, Pamela Washington joined the Municipality of Anchorage as a prosecutor in the domestic violence unit of the Department of Law, Criminal Division, under the supervision of Jo-Ann Chung; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Washington has been a teacher and legal advisor in Anchorage Youth Court; a women's leader at Faith Christian Community; Board Chair for Anchorage Crisis Pregnancy Center; a mentor in the Alaska Court System's Color of Justice; an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage; and serves the community through such organizations as the NAACP, North to the Future Business and Professional Women, Anchorage East Rotary, United Way, Bridge Builders, Kids' Corp Head Start, Youth Challenge Job Corp at Ft. Richardson, and Mountain View Elementary Mentoring Program; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Alaska Judicial Council and the membership of the Alaska Bar Association, including the encouragement and support of then Supervising Attorney Jo-Ann Chung, Judge Pamela Scott Washington was appointed to the Anchorage District Court on August 9, 2010 by Governor Sean Parnell and sworn in on November 5, 2010, becoming the first African-American woman to join the Alaska judiciary and the second African-American judge in the state's history; and

WHEREAS, this former Assistant Municipal Prosecutor has achieved judicial appointment after years of dedicated municipal service,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly hereby honors Pamela Scott Washington for her service to the community and the Municipality of Anchorage in the prosecution of domestic violence, congratulates her on her achievements and appointment to the Alaska District Court, and is honored to have had her loyal and conscientious service prior to judicial appointment.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2011.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk