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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2011-311

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY HONORING FORMER ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR JO-ANN CHUNG AND RECOGNIZING HER JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE OF ALASKA DISTRICT COURT.

WHEREAS, in 1989, Jo-Ann Chung earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Fairfield University and in 1994 received her Juris Doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Jo-Ann Chung's early career included clerking for State of Alaska Court of Appeals Judge Robert Coates; serving as an assistant public defender for the Public Defender Agency representing indigent defendants; and her service to the State of Alaska as an Assistant Attorney General in child protection cases; and

WHEREAS, Jo-Ann Chung has been a resident of Alaska for 16 years; has practiced law in Alaska for more than 15 years; and served the Municipality of Anchorage as a prosecuting attorney from 2001 until her judicial appointment -- supervising the domestic violence unit since 2004, and supervising the Municipality's criminal trial attorneys since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Jo-Ann Chung served as a member of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Domestic Violence 2002-2004; has provided legal assistance to Alaskans through the Anchorage Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault hotline for the past five years; and through a successful Violence Against Women Act Federal Grant, led the prosecution side of the Anchorage Domestic Violence Prevention Project since 2004; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Alaska Judicial Council and the membership of the Alaska Bar Association, including welcoming comments from District Court Judge Pamela Scott Washington, Judge Jo-Ann Chung was appointed to the Anchorage District Court on May 26, 2011 by Governor Sean Parnell, and sworn in on September 1, 2011, after years of dedicated municipal service; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Prosecutor's Office is unique within the State in having a Domestic Violence Unit dedicated exclusively to domestic violence cases; the case number totaling up to 2,500 each year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly hereby honors Jo-Ann Chung 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 22nd day of November, 2011.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk