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

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office

For reading: January 11, 2011

CLERK'S OFFICE

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2011–18

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATING JANUARY 17, 2011 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE, ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM, AND RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. KING.

WHEREAS, in 1994 the United States Congress expanded the mission of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to include a national day of community service; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to have all Americans observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as "a day ON, not a day OFF;" and

WHEREAS, the late Coretta Scott King said of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: "The greatest birthday gift my husband could receive is if people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds celebrated the holiday by performing individual acts of kindness through service to others"; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service has grown nationally and volunteers from across the country have taken part in various service projects, such as tutoring and mentoring, preparing and delivering meals, building and repairing homes, schools and senior centers, as well as teaching and reflecting on the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has joined in this celebration of public service and birthday by designating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a day of community service since January 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance that the community of Anchorage continue to join with others to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a commitment to serve; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, the Martin Luther King Foundation invites residents to a community-wide celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and celebrating the diverse Anchorage community through music and dance performances; and

WHEREAS, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2011, the Anchorage Park Foundation, Parks & Recreation Department, local businesses and organizations will participate at the Spenard Recreation Center in the annual 50 Bikes/50 Kids project which provides new bikes to deserving young people in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service; and

 WHEREAS, on January 18, 2010, the Alaska Bar Association and the Alaska Court System inaugurated the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Free Legal Clinic, where 110 volunteers served 150 people and performed 426 hours worth of legal help valued at approximately \$26,260; and

WHEREAS, this year, on January 17, 2011, the Alaska Bar Association and the Alaska Court System will expand its free legal clinic to include a discrete shelter site as well as the public site at the Mountain View Community Center form 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., offering free legal advice and information with volunteer attorneys in the areas of Family Law, Landlord-Tenant Law, and Public Benefits Law to those in the community who cannot otherwise afford legal services;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

- 1. January 17, 2011 is designated **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE** in the Municipality of Anchorage.
- 2. The Anchorage Municipal Assembly commends and appreciates the Alaska Bar Association and the Alaska Court System Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Free Legal Clinic, the volunteers and sponsors of the 50 Bikes/50 Kids project, and encourages other organizations and volunteers to plan activities of service for those in need on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ///day of January , 2011.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk