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For reading: April 26, 2011

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR No. 2011-128

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THOMAS W. KNOX FOR HIS 25 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, Tom Knox has diligently worked to serve the public in the capacity of
Municipal Surveyor for the Municipality of Anchorage beginning in October 1986; and

WHEREAS, as a licensed Professional Land Surveyor, Tom has always worked to
improve and advance the quality of surveying in Anchorage for the benefit of the
citizens of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, as a certified Senior Right-of-way Agent, Tom has maintained the
highest standards in acquiring fair and equitable property rights for the citizens of
Anchorage as well as the property owners affected by Municipal projects; and

WHEREAS, Tom has managed the acquisition of property rights for Municipal street
and drainage projects, frequently exceeding 40 projects, and 400 to nearly
600 parcels acquired annually, including such major federally-funded projects as
15th Avenue, Arctic Boulevard, Eagle River's Business Boulevard, and the recent
Lake Otis Parkway and Tudor Road intersection upgrade; and

WHEREAS, Tom's pursuit of excellence led him to advance the quality of surveys in
Anchorage through continuing work to update and maintain records for a municipal-
wide survey network, the Municipal Bench Mark book, and establish a GPS control-
network; and

WHEREAS, Tom's participation at the professional level contributed to both the
Standards of Practice published and maintained by the Alaska Society of
Professional Land Surveyors, development and accreditation of the University of
Alaska, Anchorage's Geomatics (surveying and mapping) curriculum, as well as
teaching survey courses in the program; and

WHEREAS, Tom has contributed immeasurably to our community through his many
years' volunteer-coaching for the Boys and Girls Club soccer teams; and

WHEREAS, Tom's tenacity and problem solving abilities led him to assist in initiating
legislation in Juneau that allowed the Municipality to re-plat two large subdivisions in
the Rabbit Creek area, and then provided the oversight for the lengthy, 10-plus year
replatting process that corrected numerous survey-related problems resulting in the
resolution of many land title problems therein; and

1 WHEREAS, he has gained the respect of land surveyors in the Municipality who have
2 relied on his advice, survey expertise and extensive knowledge of survey practice to
3 produce an accurate public land record for subdivisions and plats; and
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5 WHEREAS, Tom's knowledge of the federal law regarding section-line easements
6 and the many factors that bear on them have made him a local authority in
7 determining the existence of state and federal section-line easements; and
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9 WHEREAS, Tom's 25 years' Municipal knowledge and survey expertise will not be
10 easily replaced and he leaves behind an example of excellence for others to follow,
11 he will be greatly missed by all who know him and have come to rely on him for
12 survey information; and
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14 WHEREAS, Tom is retiring from the Municipality on April 28, 2011 to continue
15 enjoying Alaskan summers and his favorite things in life, including fly fishing, skeet
16 shooting, hockey playing and spending time with family; now, therefore,
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18 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS:**
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20 ***Thomas W. Knox, PLS, SR/WA***
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22 for his twenty-five years of service to the Municipality of Anchorage.
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24 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26th day of
25 April, 2011.
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29 Chair of the Assembly
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31 ATTEST:
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Municipal Clerk