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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2011-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE 19TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2011, in more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam, Letter Carriers will participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, last year the 2010 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive collected a record 77.1 million pounds of food; and

WHEREAS, the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is held annually on the second Saturday in May and is the largest one-day food drive in the nation; and

WHEREAS, our local Letter Carriers will be joining in this national day by collecting non-perishable food donations, left at mailboxes and in United States Post Offices, for distribution through Food Bank of Alaska to many individuals, pantries, soup kitchens and shelters: and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska and its more than 300 nonprofit partner agencies and organizations provide emergency food statewide to hungry individuals; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska and its partner agencies provide emergency food for an estimated 41,200 people in Anchorage annually; of the households served in Anchorage - 35% are children under 18 years old, as per Hunger in America 2010 -Anchorage Report, released in February 2010 by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. and:

WHEREAS, with the increase in local demand and seasonal lows in food stuff inventory, the Letter Carriers' goal this year is to collect more than 90,000 pounds of food locally during this one-day event; and

NOW. THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly applauds and supports the 19th Annual NALC Food Drive on May 14, 2011 and encourages the residents of Anchorage to join in this community effort through their donations of nonperishable food, supporting the Letter Carriers to meet or exceed the 2011 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive goals, providing needed assistance to our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10th day of Debbio Ossiander

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