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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2012-82**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING  
AND HONORING MR. ALBERT CIRCOSTA FOR RESCUING A CITIZEN THAT  
WAS IN DISTRESS WHILE KITE BOARDING IN TURNAGAIN ARM.**

WHEREAS, on the evening of October 24, 2011, Mr. Albert Circosta was kite  
boarding with a friend in Turnagain Arm near Carr Gottstein Park. Albert noticed a  
kite boarder, Mr. Brian Marr, struggling and in serious trouble about a mile offshore;  
and

WHEREAS, Albert set out after the distressed kite boarder and after fifteen minutes  
of searching, Albert found the downed kite boarder 1.5 miles from the shore; and

WHEREAS, Albert instructed Mr. Marr to release his board so he could tow him back  
to shore. After freeing himself from his entangled lines, Mr. Marr swam away from his  
gear and towards Albert; and

WHEREAS, Albert instructed Mr. Marr to hold onto his harness and lay flat. In the  
dark, cold, windy conditions Albert flew his kite while pulling Mr. Marr and himself  
back to the beach where he was met and assisted by off duty Fire Captain Mark  
Stephens; and


WHEREAS, Captain Stephens, who happened to observe this act of heroism, is also  
a kite boarder. He is familiar with the volatile conditions of Turnagain Arm. Captain  
Stephens is convinced that Albert Circosta's selfless act of bravery saved Mr. Marr's  
life. If not for Albert's quick thinking and courage, Brian Marr would have drowned.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Anchorage Assembly recognizes and  
honors

***Mr. Albert Circosta***

for his exceptional valor and selfless lifesaving efforts in assisting a citizen in  
distress in Turnagain Arm.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
2012.

  
Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:



Municipal Clerk