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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS (NALC) 20TH ANNUAL STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012.

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 with local efforts in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America, including Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, last year the 2011 NALC *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive collected 70.2 million pounds of food, raising the total weight of donations received over the history of the drive to more than 1.1 billion pounds; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, May 12, 2012 will be the 20th Anniversary of the NALC *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive and with the help of numerous local postal employees and volunteers, letter carriers will again collect and deliver non-perishable food donations to local Feeding America food banks, and

WHEREAS, Feeding America provides hunger support to 37 million Americans every year by distributing 3 billion pounds of donated food and grocery products annually to local food banks serving one in eight Americans who rely on these organizations; and

WHEREAS, donations to the Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) generated by the *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive are critical to the operation of the FBA and its partner agencies who provide food annually for an estimated 74,000 people statewide; and in Anchorage, 41,200 people with 35% of the people in those households being children under 18 years old;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly supports the 20th Annual National Association of Letter Carriers *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive on May 12, 2012 and applauds the cumulative success of the annual food drive on its 20th Anniversary. Residents of Anchorage are encouraged to join in this community effort through their donations of non-perishable food, left at mailboxes and in U.S. Post Offices.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8th day of May, 2012.

Emilia Kase
Chair

ATTEST:

Beth Spruill
Municipal Clerk