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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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1 | **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING**
2 | **AND HONORING THE LIFE OF WILDA HUDSON.**
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5 | WHEREAS, Wilda Hudson came to Alaska – worked for the Corp of Engineers after
6 | World War II – and lived in Delta Junction, Juneau, Sitka, Kodiak, and eventually in
7 | 1956 settled in Anchorage. She owned and operated Rapid Reproduction and Wilda
8 | ran the business end of the company; and
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10 | WHEREAS, Wilda had a long history of professional and community involvement.
11 | She served concurrently on the Greater Anchorage Area Borough Assembly,
12 | appointed by her fellow council members to represent the City of Anchorage. She
13 | was appointed in February 1967 to the Anchorage City Council to fill a vacancy, then
14 | elected October 1967 to a one-year term and elected again 1968 and 1971 to three-
15 | year terms. She was the third woman to serve on the Council, and she went on to
16 | become the first woman presiding officer of any Anchorage governmental body; and
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18 | WHEREAS, with the formation of the Alaska Public Offices Commission in 1974,
19 | Wilda became its assistant executive director moving into the director position in
20 | 1976 and serving there until 1977. In 1975 and working with the League of Women
21 | Voters and others, she worked to pass unification of the city and borough to create
22 | the Municipality of Anchorage; and
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24 | WHEREAS, Mayor George Sullivan selected her as his director of Cultural and
25 | Recreation Services overseeing the Municipality's parks, museum, libraries and
26 | cemetery where she served from 1977 through 1981. With her vision for parks,
27 | libraries, streets, schools and utilities, she worked tirelessly with others to make the
28 | Anchorage community a better place in which to live; and
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30 | WHEREAS, in 1991, Wilda was honored as a member of the second YWCA's
31 | Academy of Women Achievers; and
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33 | WHEREAS, in 2000, she was selected by the Anchorage Assembly to fill a vacancy
34 | on their body and became the sixth woman on that body, the only time in history
35 | where women served in the majority; and
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37 | WHEREAS, Wilda is one of three people who started the Anchorage Library
38 | Foundation, which works to secure private and public support for Anchorage public
39 | libraries' long-term financial needs. She is a member of the Alaska World Affairs
40 | Council, and served as its hospitality committee chair for several years. She is a

1   member of Alaska Common Ground, which focuses on respectful discussion of public
2   policy issues. A certified parliamentarian, Wilda has provided parliamentary advice to
3   public, non-profit or private organizations and has conducted classes for local
4   legislative bodies and various boards. Much of this service was done as a volunteer;
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7   WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters received more than a half century of
8   Wilda's leadership as she served as treasurer and president of both the Anchorage
9   and Alaska groups numerous times. Through this involvement, she has taken many
10 women under her wing, taught parliamentary procedure and provided advice on how
11 to negotiate municipal, state and political roadblocks. She served as a role model
12 and mentor to many women, both young and old, seeking to be engaged in the civil
13 discourse of Anchorage. She always has been eager to make introductions and pave
14 the way for new generations of women leaders; and
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16 WHEREAS, Wilda made an indelible impact on the city of Anchorage, and will be
17 dearly missed by many.
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19 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:
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21 That the Anchorage Municipal Assembly and Mayor Sullivan recognize
22 Wilda Hudson's many positive contributions to the Municipality of Anchorage.
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24 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _22nd_ day of
25 _May_____, 2012.
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30   Chair of the Assembly
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32 ATTEST:
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37 Municipal Clerk