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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR No. 2015-230

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1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AFFIRMING THAT THE  
2 MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE IS NOT, AND SHOULD NOT BE REFERRED TO AS, A  
3 "SANCTUARY CITY"; AND AFFIRMING THE MUNICIPALITY'S COMMITMENT TO ASSIST  
4 FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.  
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly passed a Resolution in 2003 (AR 2003-223, as  
8 amended) that led some to label the Municipality of Anchorage a "sanctuary city";  
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10 **WHEREAS**, the term "sanctuary city" is not defined in law and has no definite legal meaning;  
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12 **WHEREAS**, by vote taken on December 18, 2007, the Anchorage Assembly rescinded AR  
13 2003-223, thereby lifting restrictions of the Municipality's use of Municipal resources and  
14 institutions for the enforcement of federal immigration law;  
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16 **WHEREAS**, there is consequently no basis upon which to validly classify the Municipality of  
17 Anchorage as a "sanctuary city";  
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19 **WHEREAS**, certain media outlets have recently indicated that Anchorage is a "sanctuary city";  
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21 **WHEREAS**, certain websites continue to list Anchorage as a "sanctuary city";  
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23 **WHEREAS**, it is apparent that confusion exists regarding the status of the Municipality; now,  
24 therefore,  
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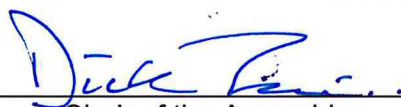
26 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**  
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28 **Section 1.** The Municipality of Anchorage is not, and should not be referred to as, a  
29 "sanctuary city."  
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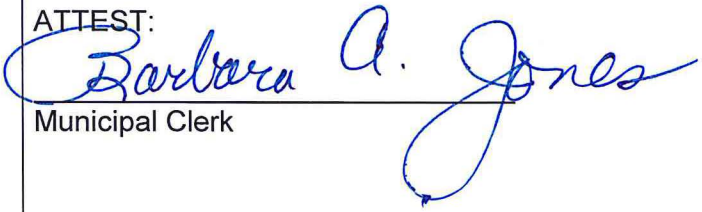
31 **Section 2.** The Municipality affirms and declares its commitment to render appropriate  
32 assistance in the enforcement of federal immigration laws.  
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34 **Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by  
35 the Assembly.  
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37 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
38 July, 2015.  
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Chair of the Assembly

42 ATTEST:

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45 Municipal Clerk