ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
CONGRATULATING ALL OF THE ELECTION WORKERS AND OFFICIALS, AND
BARBARA JONES, MUNICIPAL CLERK AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR, FOR A
SUCCESSFUL ELECTION IN 2020 DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on March 12th, 2020, Mayor Ethan Berkowitz declared a State of Emergency in the Municipality
of Anchorage, related to the threat of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), and it was extended by the
Assembly the same day by AR 2020-85; and

WHEREAS, on April 7th, 2020 the Municipality of Anchorage was to hold its regularly scheduled election;
and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.10.020, the Municipal Clerk, Ms. Barbara
Jones, is to supervise all Municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones acted promptly, early, and appropriately when the spread of COVID-19 was just
becoming a public health concern, to draft and propose AO 2020-33, providing authority in an emergency to
close accessible vote centers and take other action to protect election workers, voters, the integrity of the
election, and the individual right to voter franchise; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Vote-at-Home/Vote-by-Mail election was held as scheduled on April 7th, 2020, and
was a remarkable success, with a non-mayoral record 31.75% voters turning out to cast 71,382 ballots, in
spite of frequently changing circumstances during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and was the envy
of other jurisdictions scrambling to respond to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the success of the 2020 Vote-at-Home/Vote-by-Mail Election can be attributed to the leadership
of Ms. Jones, the unwavering dedication of the election employees and commissioners, the visionary leaders
who helped convert Anchorage to its Vote-at-Home/Vote-by-Mail election, including former Deputy Clerk
Amanda Moser, and finally, the Anchorage voters who embraced the convenience of Vote-at-Home/Vote-
by-Mail and cast their ballot even amid the COVID-19 public health emergency; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY recognizes and honors:

BARBARA JONES
and ALL of the ELECTION WORKERS and COMMISSIONERS

for an outstanding effort and celebrates the fruition of their hard work – a successful Municipal election in
2020.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 21st day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk