ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF ALASKA MASK MAKERS AND OTHER MASK MAKING COLLECTIVES ACTIVE IN THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.

WHEREAS, Alaska has been impacted by the spread of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 and the national shortage of personal protective equipment in hospitals and local communities; and

WHEREAS, in response to the state’s shortage of personal protective equipment such as masks, Alaska Mask Makers and other mask making collectives active across the state took initiative in mass producing cloth face coverings compliant with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s official recommendations; and

WHEREAS, since March of 2020, Alaska Mask Makers has recruited 4,900 volunteers to make and distributed over 40,000 masks throughout the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, these thousands of volunteers have given their time, energy, and resources with no expectation of financial return or personal gain, and represent the best of the Alaskan spirit; and

WHEREAS, widespread use of cloth face coverings like masks has been shown to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, particularly from asymptomatic individuals; and

WHEREAS, with the increased availability of masks produced and distributed by these mask making collectives, Alaskan communities are more prepared to combat the effects of COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS Alaska Mask Makers and other mask making collectives active in the State of Alaska for their outstanding and selfless service to health care providers, other essential workers, and local communities across the state.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19th day of May, 2020.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk