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For reading: August 25, 2020

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-311

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY**
2 **RECOGNIZING, HONORING, AND THANKING THE ANCHORAGE POLICE**
3 **DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR DEDICATED AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE**
4 **RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Police Department has the highest caliber initial and
8 continuing training for their law enforcement officers, observing procedures which
9 take into consideration the rights and safety of the public as well as officer
10 safety; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage enjoys 24/7 police protection services
13 from the APD every day, every midnight hour, every holiday; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, the officers and their families put their own safety and security at risk
16 for this community every day; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, the entire Anchorage Police Department has taken the high
19 road in protection of human rights in the face of a variety of protests, some against
20 the Department itself; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Police Department command staff, officers, support
23 staff, dispatchers, couriers, maintenance staff and custodians, have gone the extra
24 mile in observing protection for the community from the COVID-19 virus, at risk
25 themselves due to exposure of all kinds; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, all officers have at times been subject to disrespectful words and
28 actions in public from some people, yet stood calm, professional and often
29 compassionate in response; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, the officers are at work in all aspects of community care: child
32 protection; vulnerable population protection; elementary and secondary student
33 protection; property protection; Street and Highway driver and pedestrian protection;
34 impaired person protection; grieving family protection; acts of kindness and care on
35 a personal one-to-one basis in uniform and out of uniform;
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NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES that from here onward the date of August 15th shall be observed as “**BACK THE BLUE DAY**” in honor and recognition of the faithful and sacrificial service provided to the residents of the Municipality by the Anchorage Police Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

