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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-446

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ACKNOWLEDGING THE**
2 **INHERENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO PROTECT ITS**
3 **MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS; RECOGNIZING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE**
4 **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND ITS GOVERNMENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE**
5 **DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES OF MURDERED, MISSING, INDIGENOUS WOMEN,**
6 **GIRLS, AND TWO SPIRIT (MMIWG2S) IN ALASKA.**
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9 **WHEREAS**, there are 229 Federally Recognized Tribes in the State of Alaska and nearly 1 in
10 every 13 people in Anchorage identify as Alaska Native, the Indigenous people of the lands since
11 time immemorial; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, the shared goal of public safety in the Municipality of Anchorage (Police Department,
14 Fire Department, Health Department and the Office of Emergency Management) is to 'PROTECT
15 LIFE'; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, according to the Urban Indian Health Institute report, Alaska has the fourth highest
18 number of missing and murdered Indigenous women in the nation, despite the state's small
19 population; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Urban Indian Health Institute report found that Anchorage ranks third highest in
22 the nation for the number of cases involving missing and murdered Indigenous women that are
23 not included in law enforcement records; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, continued partnership building among local, state, federal, tribal, and non-profit
26 agencies can come together to address disproportionately high rates of MMIWG2S in Alaska;

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES: THE MUNICIPALITY OF**
29 **ANCHORAGE ACKNOWLEDGES THE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH RATES OF**
30 **MURDERED, MISSING, INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ALASKA; AND THE**
31 **ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY, ITS DEPARTMENTS, AND MAYOR WILL WORK**
32 **TOGETHER TO MAKE SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS IN CREATING RACIALLY**
33 **APPROPRIATE APPROACHES THAT HOLD THE MUNICIPALITY ACCOUNTABLE AND**
34 **WORK IN COOPERATION WITH ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES TO BUILD TRUST AND**
35 **ENGAGEMENT FOR STRONGER GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS.**

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37 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 22nd day of December, 2020.

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Chair

41 ATTEST:
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1 Municipal Clerk