

Submitted by: Assembly  
Member LaFrance and Vice Chair  
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Reviewed by:  
For reading: January 12, 2021

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2021-XXX**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY JOINING AND**  
2 **RECOGNIZING OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS IN CONDEMNING THE**  
3 **VIOLENCE AT THE U.S. CAPITOL AND URGING CITIZENS TO WORK**  
4 **TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN AND PROTECT OUR CHERISHED**  
5 **DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.**  
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8 **WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2021, a protest devolved into riot and the U.S. Capitol  
9 building was seized by President Trump’s supporters seeking to stop the  
10 certification of the election, resulting in the deaths of five Americans, including a  
11 Capitol police officer, who was bludgeoned with a fire extinguisher by the rioters,  
12 and also resulting in injuries to more than 50 other police officers, including one who  
13 was filmed being dragged down the Capitol steps and beaten with the pole of an  
14 American flag, thus ending 223 years of peaceful transitions of power in the U.S.;  
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17 **WHEREAS**, Alaska’s congressional delegation, governor and many other state and  
18 local elected officials, including Acting Mayor Quinn-Davidson, have condemned  
19 this violent attack on the Capitol; and  
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21 **WHEREAS**, assaults on democracy reach all levels of government and it’s  
22 incumbent on each one of us as Americans – as Alaskans – as residents of the  
23 Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) -- to work together to protect and improve our  
24 democratic processes, to uphold the rule of law and engage in civil discourse with  
25 each other with peaceful dissent to ensure that the bounties of freedom are equitably  
26 shared among us; and  
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly recognizes that this has been an extraordinarily  
29 challenging time for our community, due to a prolonged recession, economic, social  
30 and racial inequalities, disagreements over the MOA response to COVID-19 and  
31 CARES Act appropriations, along with hardships caused by the pandemic that have  
32 resulted in economic distress, fatigue, frustration and anger; and  
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34 **WHEREAS**, these challenges have caused people to shake off apathy and become  
35 passionately engaged with their government, leading to new collaborations,  
36 invigorated citizen engagement and great hope; and  
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38 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly seeks to strengthen local democratic processes by  
39 encouraging citizens to work together to foster robust civil discourse and engage in  
40 local government with the goal of improving our beloved community for all persons.  
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42 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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- 2 1. To join other Alaska elected officials in condemning the violence at the U.S.
- 3 Capitol and all violent acts used to resolve political disputes.
- 4 2. To thank those elected officials who have condemned the violence at the
- 5 U.S. Capitol, especially Senator Lisa Murkowski and Representative Don
- 6 Young, who have called for bipartisan cooperation as we move forward as a
- 7 nation.
- 8 3. To urge citizens of the MOA to constructively engage in community councils,
- 9 join MOA commissions and boards, attend public meetings, provide
- 10 testimony on topics of concern, and run for public office.
- 11 4. To continue to improve constituent communications, including website
- 12 improvements and citizen engagement programs, such as Assembly 101, in
- 13 order to facilitate peaceful and effective citizen involvement in their local
- 14 government.

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16 This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the  
17 Assembly.

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20 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_ day of  
21 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Chair

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27 ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk  
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