

Submitted by: Assembly Chair LaFrance, Vice-Chair Constant, Assembly Members Allard, Cross, Dunbar, Perez-Verdia, Petersen, Quinn-Davidson, Rivera, Sulte, Volland, Zaletel, and Mayor Bronson
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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-259**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY CELEBRATING THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELCOMING ANCHORAGE AND RECOGNIZING WELCOMING WEEK 2022.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is a welcoming place where people, families, businesses, and institutions thrive, the contributions of all persons are celebrated and valued, and Alaska Native history and traditions are honored; and

WHEREAS, the fostering of a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability enhances Anchorage's cultural fabric, economic growth and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between native-born and foreign-born community members are essential in encouraging and preserving Anchorage's welcoming environment and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Welcoming Week theme is "Where We Belong", and Welcoming America and its partners across the United States, including Welcoming Anchorage, will be celebrating National Welcoming Week September 9th – 18th; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage and Welcoming Anchorage have been members of the Welcoming America network since September 2014, building on the welcoming traditions of the Dena'ina people, and working to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Community Land Trust, Catholic Social Services – Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services, Welcoming Anchorage, and their community partners will be hosting a Welcoming Week Community Celebration 4 – 7 pm, Thursday, September 15th, at the Grow North Farm in Mountain View.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

That September 9th-18th, 2022 is Welcoming Week in the Municipality of Anchorage and encourages all residents to join in the community celebrations highlighting Welcoming Anchorage, the contributions of our foreign-born residents, and Anchorage's diversity and inclusiveness.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 13th day of September 2022.

ATTEST:

Chair

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