

Municipal Clerk's Office
Amended and Approved
Date: **September 12, 2023**

Submitted by: Assembly Chair Constant, Assembly Vice-Chair
Zaletel, Assembly Members Brawley, Bronga,
Cross, Johnson, Martinez, Myers, Perez-Verdia,
Rivera, Sulte, and Volland, and Mayor Bronson
Prepared by: Municipal Clerk's Office
For reading: September 12, 2023

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2023-293, As Amended

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY CELEBRATING**
2 **WELCOMING WEEK 2023 & WELCOMING ANCHORAGE.**
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4 **WHEREAS**, Welcoming Week is a global movement that annually celebrates the work of
5 communities to become welcoming places and is an opportunity for communities to recognize
6 those values through events and initiatives that foster connections and collaborations
7 between immigrants and non-immigrants; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, Welcoming Week 2023 is September 8–17 and will have daily themes which
10 focus on civic engagement, connected communities, economic development, education,
11 equitable access and more; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage is among the most ethnically diverse cities in the United States with
14 over 100 languages spoken and traditions celebrated; Anchorage became a member of
15 Welcoming America in 2014 with the establishment of Welcoming Anchorage; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the tradition and spirit of welcoming in the Anchorage area has been fostered by
18 the Dena'ina Athabaskan people, who have been the stewards of these lands for thousands
19 of years – a tradition and spirit that is carried on by those the Dena'ina welcomed to their
20 lands; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between native-
23 born and foreign-born community members are essential in encouraging and preserving
24 Anchorage's welcoming environment and economic vitality; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, in Anchorage, Welcoming Week celebrations include a Know Your Rights
27 Training hosted by the ACLU AK and the Alaska Institute for Justice on September 12th and
28 Welcoming Week Community Celebration on September 14th hosted by RAIS, **ACLT**, and
29 Welcoming Anchorage.
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31 **NOW, THEREFORE**, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:
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33 That September 8-17, 2023 is Welcoming Week in Anchorage and encourages all
34 residents to join in the community celebrations highlighting Welcoming Anchorage, the
35 contributions of our foreign-born residents, and Anchorage's rich diversity and inclusiveness.
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37 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of September, 2023.
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41 ATTEST:



Chair

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45 Municipal Clerk