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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
AND HONORING THE ANCHORAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ITS ACHIEVEMENT
IN BEING SELECTED A 2010 HEART SAFE COMMUNITY AWARD WINNER.**

WHEREAS, International Association of Fire Chiefs support creative and effective life saving practices among Emergency Medical Service providers by rewarding exemplary lifesaving techniques for patients with acute coronary syndromes and cardiac arrest, and by recognizing community awareness and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, International Association of Fire Chiefs conducted a nationwide competition amongst Emergency Medical Service providers throughout North America and selected the Anchorage Fire Department as one of only two communities nationwide for recognition and award for its initiatives and therapies for patients with acute coronary syndromes and cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, International Association of Fire Chiefs judged Emergency Medical Service providers on their community's adoption of bystander CPR, on the deployment of automatic emergency defibrillators (AEDs), on the use of pre-hospital electrocardiograms to activate hospitals for emergency heart studies, on the cooperation of local hospitals as well as the improvements of outcomes from heart attacks and cardiac arrest, and on their community's programs for heart awareness and the prevention of heart attacks and cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, International Association of Fire Chiefs' highlights of the Anchorage Fire Department's work leading to receipt of this year's award include:

- Since 2006, Anchorage Fire Department has been a leader nationwide for its approach to ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI "Heart Attack") in that paramedics identify these patients and preferentially take them to one of the two local hospitals that provides emergency percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) that, if administered within fewer than ninety minutes, has been shown to result in lower rates of death and disability.
- In April 2008, the Anchorage Fire Department partnered with the International Association of Firefighters Local 1264 and non-profit Loren Marshall Foundation to facilitate "CPR Anytime" kits for community

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- 3 • Through the "Big Wild Heart of Alaska" program, Anchorage Fire
4 Department crews provided CPR training to members of community
5 councils, civic and business organizations, and the Anchorage School
6 District.
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 - 8 • A priority within the Anchorage Fire Department is to train all Anchorage
9 School District eighth grade students in CPR and to eventually expand the
10 "Big Wild Heart of Alaska" program throughout Alaska.
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12 WHEREAS, in 2009, Anchorage victims of ventricular fibrillation had a nearly 50
13 percent chance of survival with a good neurological outcome, if the event was
14 witnessed by a CPR-trained bystander because bystander CPR is a critical component
15 to this survival;

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES AND
18 HONORS THE:

19 **ANCHORAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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21 for achieving national recognition from the International Association of Fire Chiefs for its
22 creative approaches to improve therapies for patients with acute coronary syndromes
23 and life-threatening, sudden cardiac arrest.

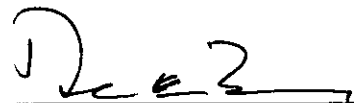
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27 April, 2010.

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