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**APPROVED**

Date: 6-8-10 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2010-168(S)

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE**  
2 **PREFERRED CURRENT LOCATION FOR MILITARY ARTILLERY PRACTICE AND**  
3 **MAKING FINDINGS AGAINST THE CREATION OF A NEW LIVE FIRE ARTILLERY**  
4 **RANGE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS OF EAST**  
5 **ANCHORAGE.**

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7 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage recognizes the value of the military  
8 presence in Alaska and the contribution of military personnel stationed here while serving  
9 our country; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage recognizes the need for military  
12 personnel to train year-around and under varying conditions; and

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14 WHEREAS, the United States Army has proposed three possible options for live fire  
15 artillery training at Fort Richardson: Option 1 - Continued live fire artillery training on the  
16 Eagle River flats during the winter months only—summer training conducted out-of-town  
17 (current practice); Option 2 – Year-around live fire artillery training on the Eagle River flats;  
18 and Option 3 – A new live fire artillery range to be located just east of the Muldoon and  
19 Scenic Park neighborhoods of East Anchorage; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly recognizes the added expense of conducting  
22 training in Interior Alaska, and the preference to keep soldiers closer to home for training  
23 between deployments, allowing them to spend more time in the community with friends  
24 and family during their time at home; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly finds the construction of a new artillery range  
27 on the outskirts of the East Anchorage neighborhoods would have serious negative  
28 impacts on the residents of those neighborhoods, including excessive noise and increased  
29 danger of wild fire; and

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31 WHEREAS, the construction of a completely new live fire artillery range on the  
32 outskirts of East Anchorage would involve considerable time, effort, and expense, and is  
33 disruptive to existing community neighborhoods; and

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35 WHEREAS, officials from Fort Richardson have stated that Option #2 – Year-  
36 around live fire artillery training at the Eagle River Flats range is the preferred military  
37 option, and the environmental impact to use of the Eagle River Flats is under a public  
38 comment period until June 13, 2010;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

1. Option #3 – A new artillery firing range in East Anchorage is not supported by the Anchorage Assembly. The Anchorage Assembly finds that Option #3 would cause severe detrimental impacts to the community and residents of nearby neighborhoods, and require unnecessary public expense and inconvenience.
2. The Anchorage Assembly recommends rejection of Option #3 (creation of a new artillery firing range in East Anchorage) by the United States Army.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

  
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Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Municipal Clerk