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AR NO. 2010-244

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING**
2 **ENDEAVORS OF ANCHORAGE UNITED FOR YOUTH AND SUPPORTING THE**
3 **ANCHORAGE UNITED FOR YOUTH COMMUNITY SUMMIT 2010 AT DENA'INA**
4 **CONVENTION CENTER ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2010.**

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6 WHEREAS, led by United Way of Anchorage, Anchorage United for Youth is a
7 coordinated, community-wide partnership to help youth succeed; and
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9 WHEREAS, since its formation in 2007, Anchorage United for Youth partners with
10 non-profit organizations, public and private partners, schools and community members to plan,
11 share resources, and develop ideas; and
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13 WHEREAS, Anchorage United for Youth's partners developed and have been
14 implementing a community-wide plan to measure progress and to produce results in helping
15 local youth graduate from high school, reject violence and reject substance abuse; and
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17 WHEREAS, as of 2009, Anchorage United for Youth reports that our youth face
18 significant obstacles:
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- 20 • 45% of area high school students feel like they do not matter to people in the
21 community;
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- 23 • 30% do not graduate from high school on time;
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- 25 • More than one in three drink alcohol;
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- 27 • 13% report suffering intentional physical harm by a boyfriend or girlfriend; and
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29 WHEREAS, Anchorage United for Youth recognizes that agencies alone are not the
30 solution to help youth overcome these obstacles, but that the real power of a community is with
31 its residents; and
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33 WHEREAS, on September 18, 2010, at the Dena'ina Convention Center from 12:30 PM
34 to 4:00 PM, Anchorage United for Youth will host its Community Summit 2010, a community
35 discussion where residents are encouraged to come together, to identify actions each of us
36 can take to make a difference in the lives of our youth and to make our community a better
37 place for our children and ourselves; and
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WHEREAS, in preparation for the Anchorage United for Youth Community Summit 2010, Anchorage United for Youth invites families, neighborhoods, community groups, churches, and clubs to host their own "conversations" around the following questions:

- What makes Anchorage great for youth?
- What is needed to make Anchorage a better community for youth?
- What can I / we do, as individuals and as a group, to contribute?

WHEREAS, ongoing community conversations and the Anchorage United for Youth Community Summit 2010 are valuable opportunities for residents to hear from teens what they experience and need from the adults in their lives, and for the community to take stock of the challenges and opportunities we face;

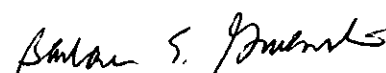
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes the endeavors of Anchorage United for Youth to improve the lives of youth within our community, and encourages residents to participate in the Anchorage United for Youth Community Summit 2010.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 31st day of August, 2010.



Chair

ATTEST:



Municipal Clerk