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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY TO FOSTER BEAR AWARENESS, OUTDOOR SAFETY PRACTICES, MINIMIZING BEAR ATTRACTANTS AROUND HOMES, CAMPSITES, AND CABINS, BUILDING A SENSE OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR BEARS AND ALL OUR WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, Alaska's wildlife resources are essential to the state's economic and social well-being and the stewardship of these resources is deeply embedded in the spirit and history of the people who live here; and

WHEREAS, many of Alaska's bears emerge from dens in early spring, making April an appropriate time to remind Alaskans about bears, bear behavior, and how people can live responsibly in bear country; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the future of bears in Alaska that people be encouraged to foster a sense of personal responsibility for our bears and all wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the responsible storing and handling of bear attractants, practicing outdoor ethics and safety, and gaining a greater understanding of the basic tenets of wildlife conservation will help our bears, our neighbors and ourselves; and

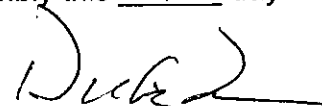
WHEREAS, minimizing bear attractants makes our neighborhoods safer, with fewer negative human-bear interactions that are potentially dangerous for both people and bears; and

WHEREAS, as collective owners of our wildlife public trust resource, we hold these obligations dear--To:

- Instill in ourselves and others a basic understanding of practical natural resource management and a wise use of Alaska's wildlife resources;
- Encourage community-based wildlife conservation efforts, including efforts to educate all Alaskans about how to live responsibly and safely in bear country;
- Minimize bear attractants around our homes, campsites, cabins and all recreational areas;
- Encourage young people to become involved in wildlife management and to learn about bears and bear safety;
- Conserve our Alaska wildlife heritage, including bear populations, for present and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that all residents are encouraged to mentor their fellow Alaskans in safe and ethical participation in wildlife conservation during April and throughout Bear Season, and thereby help to ensure the future of our Alaskan wildlife heritage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 29th day of March, 2011.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk