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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING THE**
2 **ANCHORAGE CHAPTER OF ALASKA YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION'S EFFORTS AND**
3 **SUPPORT OF THE REDUCTION OF PLASTIC BAGS THROUGH AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN OF**
4 **A "WEEK WITHOUT PLASTICS".**
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7 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. consumes up to 100 billion plastic bags annually, and only one to three
8 percent are recycled; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, U.S. retailers pay \$4 billion annually for plastic grocery bags, and that cost is passed
11 on to consumers; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, instead of decomposing, plastic bags leach toxic particles into soil and water; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch has been estimated at over 270,000 square miles of
16 plastics and other non-decomposable material, harming our oceans and critical habitat for Alaska's
17 fish and wildlife; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, the use of reusable grocery bags is one way to promote a healthy and sustainable
20 lifestyle in the community; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, plastic grocery bags that do not end up in landfills litter Anchorage's landscape, and
23 reducing the number of bags used would make Anchorage more beautiful; and,
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25 **WHEREAS**, the reusable grocery bags are more durable and offer a simple alternative solution to
26 the growing number of plastic bags that end up in the environment; and,
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28 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Chapter of Alaska Youth for Environmental Action has worked diligently
29 with local businesses that have agreed to promote the use of reusable grocery bags.
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31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**
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33 The Anchorage Assembly hereby recognizes the Anchorage Chapter of Alaska Youth for
34 Environmental Action's efforts and supports the reduction of plastic bags through an
35 awareness campaign of a "Week Without Plastics".
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37 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of April, 2011.
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42 Chair of the Assembly

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47 Municipal Clerk