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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2021-262**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ADDING AN  
EQUITY PILLAR TO THE ASSEMBLY'S PRIORITIES AND RECOMMITTING THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE TO THE GOALS OF WELCOMING AMERICA.**

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**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the Assembly, in an effort to better define their vision, hired a consultant to facilitate a series of three strategic visioning meetings to develop their goals for 2019-2021; and

**WHEREAS**, during these meeting, the Assembly identified four key pillars, Homelessness, Quality of Life, Public Safety, and Economic Development, and subsequently developed and adopted a strategic plan for addressing those pillars, by passage and approval of AR 2019-436, As Amended: and

**WHEREAS**, over the past two years, the Assembly and the Municipality have worked to address issues of equity in Municipal government and our community, establishing the Office of Equity and Justice by passage of AO 2020-79(S) and appointing the Municipality's first Chief Equity Officer, in an effort to imbed equity into our local government practices; and

**WHEREAS**, with the passage and approval of AR 2014-226, the Assembly signed the Municipality onto the Welcoming Cities Initiative of Welcoming America, a cohort of cities and communities that proactively strive to be welcoming communities that are strategically positioned as globally competitive 21<sup>st</sup> century leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2014, Welcoming Anchorage, a coalition of government and community groups, has worked collaboratively to ensure that Anchorage is a welcoming community, including hosting annual Welcoming Week events, while building on the welcoming traditions of the Dena'ina Athabascan people who have stewarded these lands for thousands of years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that:

1. An Equity Pillar is added to the Anchorage Assembly's priorities and that an ad-hoc Equity Committee shall be formed to craft language for inclusion into the Assembly's priorities.
2. The Anchorage Assembly recommits to the goals of Welcoming America and ideals of the Welcoming Anchorage Roadmap.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk