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1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING ADOPTION**
2 **OF A CLEAN ELECTIONS SYSTEM IN ALASKA.**

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4 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

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6 **WHEREAS**, several former and current legislators have recently been indicted for accepting
7 money in exchange for votes; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, votes taken by these individuals may have cost the state more than \$1 billion
10 annually in unrealized oil tax revenues, revenue that is critical to supporting the operations of our local
11 governments; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, this scandal has undermined public confidence in the integrity of Alaska's elected
14 officials; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, adoption of a Clean Elections system can help restore public trust in government,
17 eliminate the potential for and perception of corruption, and promote greater accountability to voters; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, under Clean Elections, candidates who demonstrate broad public support and agree
20 to forego private contributions can qualify for public financing of their campaigns; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, Clean Elections is law in seven states and is extremely popular with voters as well as
23 candidates; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, Clean Elections affirms the principle of "one person, one vote" by curtailing the
26 influence of special interest money and enabling citizens of all backgrounds to participate equally in the
27 democratic process; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, Clean Elections opens the door to a greater diversity of candidates who will
30 represent the public interest; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, Clean Elections system saves money by eliminating funding for pet projects
33 advocated by special interests; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the time has come for Clean Elections in Alaska;

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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY** that
38 Governor Sarah Palin and the Alaska State Legislature be urged to expeditiously implement a Clean
39 Elections system in Alaska.

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41 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk

