Submitted by: Assembly Members Dunbar and Zaletel,

Acting Assembly Chair Rivera, Acting Assembly Vice-Chair Weddleton, Assembly Members Allard Constant, LaFrance, Kennedy, and Perez-Verdia, Petersen, and Acting Mayor Quinn-

Davidson

Prepared by: Municipal Clerk's Office For reading: January 12, 2021

## ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR No. 2021-9(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATING JANUARY 18, 2021 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE, AND RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. KING

**WHEREAS,** in 1983 a Federal holiday was created marking the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and in 1994 the third Monday in January was designated as a national day of service, a "day on, not a day off"; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. King stated that "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?' " ..., and each year Americans across the country answer that question by coming together on the MLK Day of Service to serve their neighbors and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the MLK Day of Service has grown nationally and locally, with volunteers taking part in service projects such as tutoring and mentoring, preparing and delivering meals, building and repairing homes, schools, and senior centers, as well as teaching and reflecting on the life and legacy of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Black Caucus has planned an MLK Day of Service program for Sunday, January 17th, 7PM as part of their community conversations with the theme "Building Our Beloved Community by Loving and Serving Others". All are invited to attend on Zoom. On Monday, January 18th another MLK Day of Service program will occur as part of the Biden-Harris Inauguration Celebration, 1 PM on Zoom; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alaska Bar Association, partnering with Alaska Legal Services Corporation and volunteer attorneys, will hold the 12<sup>th</sup> annual MLK Day Legal Clinic to provide free legal consultation to residents of Anchorage on civil issues related to family, housing, public benefits, etc. on January 18<sup>th</sup>,12-4 PM via telephone hotline at 844-263-1849 and ongoing year-round via alaska.freelegalanswers.org; and

**WHEREAS,** the Anchorage Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty will hold a second annual can food drive, the Souper Bowl of Caring, and accept donations to support the Food Bank of Alaska on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2-7PM. Updates for the event can be found via their Facebook page.

Municipal Clerk's Office

Approved

**Date: January 12, 2021** 

1	NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that January 18, 2021
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4	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE
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