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MAYOR MARK BEGICH Prepared by: Assembly Counsel

For reading: March 18, 2008

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2008–37

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF "ZERO WASTE" PRODUCTION IN ALL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is dedicated to protecting and conserving our natural resources and providing a healthy place to live; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is committed to protecting and enhancing environmental quality and is focused on environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, thousands of tons of waste are generated in the Municipality of Anchorage area each year and approximately 90 percent of this amount is sent for landfill disposal, the placement of which can cause damage to human health, wastes natural resources, and serves to transfer liabilities to future generations; and

WHEREAS, waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting are material management options that conserve resources while reducing environmental impacts, increasing the cost-efficiency of local, publicly-supported recycling facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of "Zero Waste" production are: Managing resources instead of waste; conserving natural resources through waste prevention and recycling; turning discarded resources into jobs and products instead of trash; promoting products and materials that are durable and recyclable; and discouraging products and materials that can only become trash after their use; and

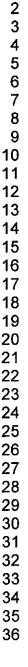
WHEREAS, adoption of policies and practices that support "Zero Waste" production gives the financial responsibility of collecting, recycling, and disposing of materials to producers, who should be designing products to ensure safe recycling back into the marketplace or nature; and

WHEREAS, with the understanding that government is ultimately responsible for leading by example and establishing the criteria needed to eliminate waste, so that manufacturers produce, and businesses sell, materials that can be safely recycled or composted;

WHEREAS, diverting waste products to productive economic uses provide a key stimulus to local development by creating new businesses and jobs, as has been

demonstrated by Anchorage businesses which use recycled newspapers for insulation NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Anchorage will

support, encourage, identify and engage in Zero Waste practices as a guiding principle for all Municipality of Anchorage operations, including the day-to-day outreach and



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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

NO. AM 156–2008

Meeting Date: March 18, 2008

From: Assembly Member Sheila Selkregg

Mayor Mark Begich

Subject: AR 2008-37 — A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL

ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF "ZERO

WASTE" PRODUCTION IN ALL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS.

The purpose of this resolution is to give a clear directive to all municipal departments to work towards reducing waste through everyday policies and practices. Passage of the resolution will give MOA access to information and consultation on the best available practices and policies from Zero Waste, an organization dedicated to reducing waste and cost-savings measures. In 2006, the Mat-Su Borough Assembly adopted a zero waste resolution which has helped involve its municipal employees at all levels to look at ways to reduce waste and save money.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila Selkregg, PhD. Assembly Member, Section 5

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