ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2018-313

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 11, 2018 OMBUDSMAN DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.

WHEREAS, “Ombudsman” is a Scandinavian term that means “defender of the people’s rights”, and is a profession that has existed for centuries, while remaining relatively unknown; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Home Rule Charter’s Bill of Rights mandates that the people of Anchorage have the right to the services of an Ombudsman, with the office being established in 1977; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is committed to fostering a community that promotes equity, fairness, respect, adherence to the law, and effective resolution of disputes within a richly diverse population, while providing informal and confidential channels for addressing constituent issues; and

WHEREAS, Ombudsman offices are independent, informal, confidential and impartial resources whose purpose is to assist the public with a broad range of questions, disputes, complaints, and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has established October 11th as Ombudsman Day in the United States, to recognize the Ombudsman profession; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2018 the Municipal Ombudsman, Alaska State Ombudsman, State of Alaska Long Term Care Ombudsman, and the University of Alaska Anchorage Student Ombudsman will be hosting a “Connecting The Dots” fair, with over a dozen partner agencies and organizations, 12-4:30 pm in the Loussac Library Atrium.

NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes and celebrates October 11, 2018 as

“OM BUDSMAN DAY”

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of October, 2018.

ATTEST:

Chair

Municipal Clerk