

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2020-336**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING  
OCTOBER 8, 2020 AS OMBUDS 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 welcoming community that promotes equity, fairness, respect, adherence to the law, and effective resolution of disputes within a richly diverse population; and

**WHEREAS** Ombuds 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 8, 2020 as Ombuds Day in the United States, to recognize the Ombuds profession, and the services provided by local, state, federal, organizational, and academic Ombuds offices; with the theme "Ombuds: Unusual Name. Important Service"; and

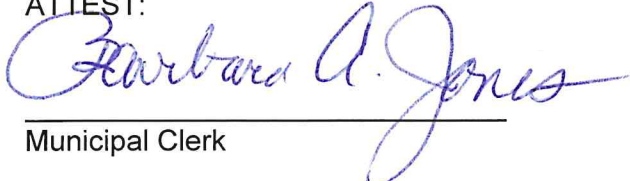
**WHEREAS**, during the ongoing COVID – 19 pandemic the Anchorage Municipal Ombudsman's Office, the Alaska State Ombudsman's Office, the State of Alaska Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office, and the University of Alaska Anchorage Student Ombudsman's Office have continued to provide important services to the public.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes and celebrates October 8, 2020 as

**"OMBUDS DAY"**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 29th day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
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Municipal Clerk

  
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Chair

