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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2019-426**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY INITIATING
CONVERSATIONS TO FORMALIZE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND THE
NATIVE VILLAGE OF EKLUTNA.**

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes that the Municipality of Anchorage is built on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina Athabascan people, and that it is the proud home of the Native Village of Eklutna; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes historical patterns of governmental and institutionalized abuse and marginalization; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes that in the modern era, the Native Village of Eklutna was organized in 1961 by the traditional people of Eklutna in order to govern the Eklutna people and territory, provide programs and services to benefit the Eklutna community and protect land rights and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes that while the Native Village of Eklutna is federally recognized as a sovereign Tribe, the Municipality of Anchorage has not established a formal process for Government to Government relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes there are inherent rights, opportunities, protections, and obligations that come with self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes inherent value in taking steps to more formally recognize the historic, cultural, and legal relationship between the Municipality and the Native Village of Eklutna; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes that establishing protocols for Government to Government relationships may result in better outcomes over time for the Municipality of Anchorage and the Native Village of Eklutna; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The Assembly, in collaboration with the Native Village of Eklutna, shall spend the next year engaging in dialogue and deliberations toward a more formal relationship between the two governments. This process may include public listening sessions, organizing working groups that include stakeholders identified by both parties, consultations with legal and cultural experts, and may result in recommended changes to Anchorage Municipal Code that codify recognition of certain opportunities, protections, and obligations between the Municipality and the Native Village of Eklutna.

1 **Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
2 approval by the Assembly.

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4 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
5 of _____, 2019.

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9 Chair of the Assembly

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15 Municipal Clerk
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