

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #47 (2009-10)

September 14, 2009

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR'S DIVERSITY MONTH

ASD Goal: Establish and maintain a supportive and effective learning environment by providing safe, caring, barrier-free schools; promoting health and wellness; and continuing to retain, recruit and train highly qualified staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing September 1 through September 30, 2009 as Mayor's Diversity Month.

PERTINENT FACTS:

In 2004, the Mayor's Office began a broad-based campaign to bring community leaders together with representatives from cultural, community, business, and civic, religious and school-based organizations to celebrate diversity in our community. That campaign has grown to include a month-long series of events and programs to encourage dialogue, partnerships and respect for Anchorage's diverse population. Anchorage citizens are blessed to live in a community that represents such diversity of people, cultures, and religions. We recognize that there is strength in our diversity. Even though we have different ancestries, as Anchorage residents, we share common ideals of making life better for our families, securing our freedoms as citizens and increasing our connections as a community through cultural awareness.

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ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAYOR'S DIVERSITY MONTH,
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

WHEREAS, people of all ages, cultures, abilities and backgrounds make significant contributions to the growth of this great nation, the State of Alaska, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage School District; and

WHEREAS, our community's diversity is reflected in our staff and student population and this diversity lends strength to our district and its mission to educate all students for success in life; and

WHEREAS, we can empower our students and staff to reach their greatest potential by recognizing and celebrating their individual strengths and contributions; and

WHEREAS, providing an environment where students, staff and families can develop mutual respect and understanding is a priority of the Anchorage School Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage School Board recognizes September 1 through September 30, 2009 as "Mayor's Diversity Month" in the Anchorage School District and joins the Municipality of Anchorage and Mayor Dan Sullivan in encouraging citizens and schools to participate in events and activities that celebrate diversity and build bridges of understanding.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2009.

John Steiner, President

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