

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR No. 2019-434(S-2)\*, As Amended**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DECLARING**  
2 **ITS OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED OR OPERATED**  
3 **PRISONS FOR DETENTION OR INCARCERATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY, OR**  
4 **OF ANY ALASKAN INMATES.**  
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Constitution, Art. I, § 12, requires criminal administration to  
8 be based upon “the need for protecting the public, community condemnation of the  
9 offender, the rights of victims of crimes, restitution from the offender, and the  
10 principle of reformation”; and  
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12 **WHEREAS**, the incarceration of convicted offenders involves humane care and  
13 treatment, and effective reformation and rehabilitative programs; and  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the ability to fulfill our constitutional duty is not aided by placement of  
16 inmates outside the State of Alaska, nor in privately owned or operated prison  
17 systems that do not understand the Alaskan Constitutional directives and undercut  
18 the ability to provide a degree of custody, care, restitution, and discipline expected  
19 by Alaskans; and  
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21 **WHEREAS, the Municipality is currently required to pay the State of Alaska**  
22 **\$2,928,000 annually for use of its correctional facilities; and**  
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24 **WHEREAS**, it is important for inmates to have the potential for contact with  
25 supportive family and friends in order to foster and achieve the rehabilitative  
26 and reformative constitutional goals of the Alaska criminal justice system, and those  
27 are not facilitated by privately operated prisons, or “correctional institutions” as  
28 defined in Title 21 of the Anchorage Municipal Code, excluding correctional  
29 community residential centers (or halfway houses), especially when located out of  
30 state; and  
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32 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska legislature appropriated \$16.7M in the 2020 budget to  
33 reopen the Palmer Correctional Center facility with a focus on treatment programs  
34 that are needed, it is imperative to recognize that research has shown that  
35 contracting with private for-profit prisons does not save money, and instead has  
36 an increased social cost as inmates placed in out of state facilities return with  
37 increased gang affiliations, a greater propensity for a "criminal mind set," and violent  
38 behavior; and  
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40 **WHEREAS**, other states and local jurisdictions have contracted with private, for-  
41 profit corporations for operation of correctional facilities and institutions but did not

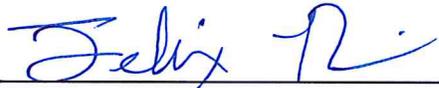
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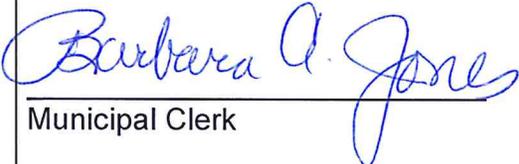
1 | experience reduced recidivism, better reentry, cost savings, or other expected  
2 | benefits; and

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4 | **WHEREAS**, Alaska has shown its preference for in-state, state operated,  
5 | adequately staffed correctional facilities and institutions, by building the Goose  
6 | Creek Correctional Center in 2012, passing Senate Bill 65 in 2006, and by  
7 | rejecting the building of a private prison Anchorage in 1997, Delta Junction in  
8 | 1999, Kenai in 2001, and Whittier in 2005; now, therefore,

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10 | **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES**, to recommend that the State open  
11 | the Palmer Correctional Center facility especially in light of the \$16.7M allocated for  
12 | this purpose, opposes the placement of Alaskan inmates out of state, opposes the  
13 | State contracting with privately owned or operated detention or correctional facilities  
14 | for placement of prisoners either in state or out of state private prisons, and opposes  
15 | the establishment and operation of any privately owned or operated prison facility  
16 | within the Municipality of Anchorage.

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19 | PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of December,  
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