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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2021-XXX**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

WHEREAS, on October 14, public health emergency ordinance EO 2021-3 was enacted to require masks in indoor public places; and

WHEREAS, at that time, local hospitals were overwhelmed and case rates were the highest Anchorage had seen in the entire pandemic; and

WHEREAS, EO 2021-03 was set to expire after one of the following conditions were met: 1) crisis standards of care are ended at two of three local hospitals for 14 consecutive days, 2) there is no longer substantial or high community transmission per the CDC for 14 days, or 3) no later than 60 days after the passage; and

WHEREAS, crisis standards of care remain available through the State of Alaska’s Crisis Standards of Care Committee, they have not been utilized for direct patient care at two of three local hospitals for over 14 consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, according to the Anchorage Charter, an emergency ordinance can only be in effect for 60-days; and

WHEREAS, businesses and operators of indoor public spaces may continue, and are encouraged, to adopt and enforce their own policies for masking requirements and health precautions;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

That EO 2021-03 regarding public health and safety measures for the COVID-19 pandemic will expire at midnight on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. While masks are no longer mandatory, the Anchorage Assembly strongly encourages the use of masks in indoor public spaces.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk