

## **RESOLUTION OF UNDERSTANDING TO FOSTER COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION BASED ON SHARED VALUES**

WHEREAS, the spirit of cooperation and collaboration is essential for maintaining strong and harmonious relationships among governments and the communities they represent;

WHEREAS, the principle of "Tausi le va lelei" in Fa'asamoa (Samoan culture) emphasizes the importance of keeping the peace and maintaining respectful, positive relationships between all parties;

WHEREAS, honoring and safeguarding the well-being of each individual is a core value that guides our collective efforts toward achieving shared goals with compassion and integrity;

WHEREAS, open communication plays a crucial role in learning from one another and fostering mutual understanding, ensuring all parties engage in meaningful dialogue to solve shared challenges;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all parties commit to:

**DEMONSTRATING PEACE AND RESPECT ("TAUSI LE VA LELEI"):** Striving to uphold peaceful, respectful and harmonious relationships, acknowledging the importance of mutual understanding;

**HONORING AND SAFEGUARDING WELL-BEING:** Ensuring that all actions, decisions and policies reflect a commitment to the health, safety and care of each person, prioritizing the well-being of all involved;

**OPEN COMMUNICATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION:** Engaging in open, honest and continuous dialogue, encouraging feedback and learning from each other's perspectives, with the aim of building trust and fostering a deeper understanding of each other's goals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all parties express their commitment to a productive, long-term relationship built on these shared values of peace, respect, well-being and open communication.

In honor of the signing of this resolution, Mayor Suzanne LaFrance, Anchorage Police Chief Sean Case, Reverend Sam Fiu Unutoa, and Reverend Amotai Asaivao shared in ceremony on September 24, 2024 to demonstrate a shared commitment to moving forward together.

Mayor Suzanne LaFrance

Rev. Amotai Asaivao, Chairman

Rev. Sam Fiu Unutoa, CEO