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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2020-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING  
THE 2020 BETTYE DAVIS AFRICAN AMERICAN SUMMIT II AND THE VISION AND  
LEGACY OF SENATOR BETTYE DAVIS.**

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**WHEREAS**, Bettye Davis’s commitment to our children called her to public service, and she was elected to the Anchorage School Board in 1982, where she served with distinction for thirteen years over three decades; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990 Bettye Davis became the first African American woman to be elected to the Alaska State House of Representatives, and in 2000 the first African American elected to the Alaska State Senate, where she served until 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Davis hosted the 2007 African American Summit that was held in Anchorage, from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the theme, “Strengthening the African American Community”; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor Senator Davis’s legacy and to advance her vision, Shiloh Community Development, Inc. organized the February 16, 2019 Bettye Davis African-American Summit at Clark Middle School, with the theme “Moving Towards Hope Together”; and

**WHEREAS**, to further advance Senator Davis’s vision of a forum where the African American community can address critical issues of public policy and government, the Alaska Black Caucus will be hosting the Bettye Davis African American Summit II on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 9 am to 7 pm at Bartlett High School; and

**WHEREAS**, the summit is free and open to the public, and activities include an opening prayer breakfast, education, legislative, justice, economic and health panels, a luncheon, a closing reception; and informational booths hosted by community partners.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves to recognize the 2020 Bettye Davis African American Summit II, and the vision and legacy of Senator Bettye Davis.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk