Requested by: Mayor Sarah Palin and Deputy Mayor Judy Patrick

Prepared by: Administration Adopted: May 22, 2000

Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF WASILLA RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 00-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA SENDING HOPE TO THE SUDANESE.

WHEREAS, since 1983 approximately 2,000,000 people have died from genocidal war in Sudan; and

WHEREAS, Sudan has more homeless people than anywhere else in the world, where at least 5,000,000 displaced individuals are trying to survive; and

WHEREAS, the Sudan war is an ethnic, geographic, cultural, religious, and economic war that is resulting in people's lives being utterly destroyed; and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla, which is a community from the other side of the globe and has a totally different landscape, climate, culture, language, and race from the people in Sudan, bring the Sudanese word that they are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla appreciates Mat-Su Valley residents Bob Byron and Chris Raymond who are bringing encouragement and hope to the Sudanese on our behalf; and

WHEREAS, our offer to send a message of encouragement and hope to the Sudanese is supported by the Mat-Su Valley Pastors' Prayer Network; and

WHEREAS, the city of Wasilla, by presenting this resolution in support of the persecuted people of Sudan, encourage other communities to also send a message to the Sudanese that they are loved and prayed for by citizens all over the world.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the people of this city support our local residents who are making sacrifices to travel to Sudan to bring this message of hope.

BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, that the people of this city send this resolution with Bob Byron and Chris Raymond in hopes of making a positive difference in the lives of the Sudanese.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the city of Wasilla this 22nd day of May, 2000.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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