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Submitted by: Mayor Sullivan and Assembly
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For reading: July 26, 2011

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2011-198

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
SERGEANT TED SMITH FOR 29 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, Sgt. Ted Smith was hired by the Anchorage Police Department (APD) in 1982, and he quickly earned a reputation as an excellent firearms instructor; and

WHEREAS, prior to Sgt. Smith becoming involved with the firearms program, the APD taught officers how to shoot using the outdated technique of aiming at targets on a square and safe range; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smith pioneered a revolution in thinking about firearms by teaching officers to fight with weapon systems in a 360-degree, more realistic, dynamic environment, and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smith helped APD officers gain confidence in using firearms correctly, and thus increased their chances of prevailing if they were forced to use deadly force; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to measure how many lives may have been saved because of his revolutionary teaching techniques, but it is safe to say that many officers and suspects benefitted from his expertise; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smith was generous with his talents, sharing that knowledge with other Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the State, as well as military units preparing for combat, and the Citizens Academy; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smith advanced APD's training many years and laid a firm foundation for the future generations of officers; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smith could stand for hours in his shirtsleeves in sub-zero weather and make officers perform even while they were numb, tired, hungry, and otherwise miserable, while actually appearing to enjoy it; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Smith was an asset to the Anchorage Police Department and will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves that:

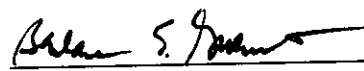
SGT. TED SMITH

is hereby thanked and congratulated for his 29 years of exemplary service to the Anchorage Police Department and the citizens of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 26th day of July, 2011.


Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk