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**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE URGING THE ALASKA
LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT H.R. 2256, “PRESERVING THE AMERICAN
HISTORICAL RECORD” ACT AND REQUESTING THAT ONCE THE ACT IS
ADOPTED, THE FUNDS BE REDISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES TO
MEET THE MANDATES OF ALASKA STATUTE 29.20.380**

WHEREAS, H.R. 2256, the “Preserving the American Historical Record” (PAHR) Act, proposes to provide formula-based funding to all fifty states for statewide projects and redistribution of funds to local governments, historical societies, library historical collections, universities, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, this bill seeks to ensure essential care of and improved access to documents and historical records in many forms, from paper to electronic media; and

WHEREAS, under the PAHR Act, states and local municipalities would establish strategic funding priorities reflecting local needs for projects in the following areas:

- Creating access tools, including archival finding aids, documentary editions, indexes, and images of key records online;
- Preservation actions, such as digitization projects, electronic records archives, and collections assessment;
- Disaster preparedness and recovery initiatives for essential records;
- Educational initiatives to use historical records in creative ways, including development of teaching materials for K-12, college students, new immigrant populations, and lifelong learners;
- Programs to provide education and training to archivists and others who care for historical records, in particular to ensure they are prepared both to manage the electronic records being created and to provide online access for public use; and

WHEREAS, once adopted, the PAHR Act will provide the State of Alaska with \$870,929 to distribute to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, recognizing the importance of municipal records, adopted Alaska Statute 29.20.380, which mandates that each Alaska municipal clerk comply with the Public Records Act and states that each clerk must “manage municipal records and develop retention schedules and procedures for inventory, storage, and destruction of records as necessary; maintain an indexed file of all permanent municipal records, provide for codification of ordinances; and authenticate or certify records as necessary;” and

WHEREAS, while carrying out the prescribed duties, the direct financial burden of this edict fall solely on the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League urge the Alaska Legislature to support H.R. 2256, the PAHR Act, and that once the Act is adopted, the funds be redistributed to local municipalities to further the mandates of Alaska Statute 29.20.380.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-03**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE PREEMINENT DUTY OF THE FIRE SERVICE
BY PROTECTING HUMAN LIFE AND SUPPORTING THE “READY, SET, GO,
PROGRAM” WHICH ENCOURAGES FIRE PREVENTION AND EARLY RESIDENT
EVACUATION FROM WILDFIRE**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League advocates for Alaska’s municipalities in order to maintain, among other things, quality of life through health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Ready, Set, Go, program is a collaborative process that is effective in improving coordination and communication between emergency response agencies and the community. Spending an adequate amount of time developing the Ready, Set, Go, program in each community can help clarify and refine priorities to protect life, property, infrastructure, and valued resources; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League supports the Ready, Set, Go, Program that focuses on building defensible space around homes and structures, and recognizes that early evacuation in the face of life-threatening wildfire is the single most important thing any homeowner can do to protect lives. Prepare your property; leave early; and follow all evacuation orders; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League is aware of the ever-present risk of catastrophic wildfire and that any fire protection plan must include a determined and forceful commitment to all available fire prevention strategies. In particular, it must recognize the value of building with ignition-resistant materials, maintaining a defensible space around structures, and preparing a home for the arrival of firefighters who have the experience of working under extreme conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League recognizes the importance of Fire Adaptive Communities and the need to renew efforts to provide the resources necessary to insure that emergency responders will be able to continue to protect the lives and property of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League is proud to support the Ready, Set, Go program.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-04**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ABILITY OF ALASKAN COMMUNITIES TO
ADOPT CODES AND ORDINANCES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO REQUIRE THE
INSTALLATION OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL NEWLY CONSTRUCTED
ONE- AND TWO- FAMILY DWELLINGS AND TOWNHOMES**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League is an organization that advocates for local control with regards to Alaska's municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League considers it unacceptable that in the 21st century, more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fires each year, with an average of 80% of these deaths occurring in home fires; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League understands that a person is 80% less likely to die in a house fire if sprinklers are present; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League understands that nationally 37% of home fire deaths were in homes with working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League understands that sprinklers reduce the average property loss by 66% per fire; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League knows that home fire sprinklers can significantly reduce the risk of injury and death to responding firefighters at home fires; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League desire to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing losses due to fire; and


WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, affordable, efficient and effective method of protecting life and property in both commercial and residential occupancies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports the option for Alaskan communities to adopt codes and ordinances at the local level to require the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all newly constructed one- and two- family dwellings and townhomes to meet their unique local needs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-06**

**A RESOLUTION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE REQUESTING THE
STATE OF ALASKA CONTINUE TO ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALASKA LAND MOBILE
RADIO SYSTEM AND RELIEVE LOCAL AGENCIES OF THOSE COSTS**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and the Department of Defense have designed and built the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System was designed to provide communications between the Federal, State and local governments in time of need; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League supports interoperability that provides quality communications and safety for all responders; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System, through recent statewide emergency response drills and day-to-day operations with current users, has demonstrated and proven its effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense and the State of Alaska have fully vested into the use of the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System and usage of this system is in the best interest of all public safety agencies in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, municipalities were requested to sign on to this system by the State of Alaska in order to have more complete and full operability; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska's original agreement with the State was that the new system was the State's choice and therefore, would be the State's responsibility to provide interoperability; and

WHEREAS, the cost of radios (to include purchase, programming and maintenance), is much higher for the ALMR system than for other systems that municipalities already use; and

WHEREAS, the higher cost may prohibit many municipalities from making the switch to ALMR; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of multiple diverse radio systems in an emergency situation has been shown, time and time again, to be a significant factor in agencies not being able to coordinate activities and can potentially place responders and citizens at risk; and


WHEREAS, the communication between state agencies, including AST, DOT, State Emergency Management and others, as well as local responders, would be limited or nonexistent if diverse non-compatible systems were being used when there is a system in place (ALMR) that would allow a responder the ability to communicate effectively and efficiently on a daily basis, as well as in times of disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League requests the State of Alaska to continue to accept full responsibility for the costs of operation and maintenance of the Alaska Land Mobile Radio System and relieve local agencies of those costs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-08**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TAKING A STRONG
POSITION AGAINST “AN INITIATIVE CREATING AN ALASKA ANTI-CORRUPTION
ACT” (PROP 7), WHICH WILL BE PLACED ON THE 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION
BALLOT**

WHEREAS, there has been a move to place this initiative on ballots across the United States;
and

WHEREAS, this initiative has been filed with the Lt. Governor’s Office in Alaska and will be
on the August 24, 2010 primary election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League believes that this initiative will take away the rights
of Alaskan municipalities and their ability to effectively lobby their state and/or federal
representatives; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would basically close down or severely hamper all organizations that
rely on dues that come directly or indirectly from tax revenues, to include, but not restricted to:

- Alaska Municipal League
- Union Organizations
- All municipalities that use contract lobbyists
- State of Alaska ARDORS (SWAMC, Southeast Conference, etc.)
- Alaska Association of School Boards
- NACo and NLC
- All AML affiliates (ACoM (Mayors), AMMA (Managers), AAMC (Clerks),
AAAO (Assessors), AFCA (Fire Chiefs), AGFOA (Finance Officers), AMAA
(Attorneys) and others.

WHEREAS, prohibiting local government officials (and others named in the initiative) from
“directly or indirectly” from “using, directing, permitting, receiving, or facilitating” the use of
tax revenues for “campaigning, lobbying, or partisan purposes” would result in local government
officials being unable to weigh in on the issues that we deal with on a day-to-day basis, and

WHEREAS, this initiative also tramples on many other “First Amendment Rights,” that would
specifically target all organizations that advocate on and with government issues, by taking away
their right to lobby and/or take positions with regards to upcoming legislation that may affect
them and their ability to operate in a manner set forth by their constituents and/or members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League takes a strong position against “An Initiative Creating an Alaska Anti-Corruption Act (Prop 7), which will be placed on the 2010 Primary Election Ballot.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OPPOSING SENATE BILL
787, AS REPORTED OUT OF THE U.S. SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the United State Senate is considering legislation, Senate Bill 787, which would reauthorize and amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 787, as reported out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, would amend the act to delete the term “navigable waters” and substitute “waters of the U.S.” throughout the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League (AML) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) has expressed concern that this revision would broaden the scope of federal regulation over local land use and make public projects more expensive and time consuming to process; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League has previously supported increased local autonomy and reduced federal regulation of local land use issues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League opposes versions of Senate Bill 787 which expands the scope of the Clean Water Act jurisdiction by removal of the reference to navigable waters.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE URGING THE GOVERNOR
AND THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CRUISE SHIP TAXATION REGULATION AND
DISCLOSURE BALLOT INITIATIVE AND ITS IMPACTS ON THE ECONOMY OF THE
STATE OF ALASKA**

WHEREAS, a voter approved ballot initiative in 2006 created four new taxes and fees on large cruise ships and their passengers traveling to Alaska, in addition to the local taxes and fees already levied by various communities and ports; and

WHEREAS, the ballot initiative also increased environmental operation regulations that only pertain to cruise ships and imposed disclosure regulations on pricing of tours; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is one of the most expensive regions in the world in which international cruise lines operate; and

WHEREAS, cruise travel to Alaska only represents approximately 7% of the global cruise market, and ports of call around the world that recognize the economic benefits of a healthy cruise industry are actively competing for cruise line business; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry has announced major reductions in deployment to Alaska in 2010, in favor of other ports of call that promise better returns on investment, citing the cost of doing business in the state and specifically the ballot initiative's taxes and fees as one of the reasons for this decision; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry is a critical part of the private sector economy in many Alaska communities and the redeployments will reduce jobs and local government revenues; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of revenues generated from the funds collected by the State of Alaska remain unspent due to veto by the Governor and have not been reinstated by the legislature instead of being put to use to improve visitor related infrastructure and services; and

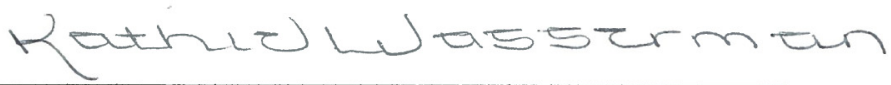
WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature has the authority to review and amend a citizen's initiative two years after its passage and has already amended disclosure regulations in the initiative that were found would create problems for Alaskan tourism businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League urges the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature to evaluate the impacts of the 2006 ballot measure: Cruise Ship Taxation, Regulation and Disclosure, on the economics of communities that host cruise visitors throughout the state and develop appropriate recommendations.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-11**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REMOVE ALASKA FROM THE EPA EMISSION CONTROL AREAS (ECA) UNTIL THE STATE OF ALASKA RECEIVES A SIMILAR COMPREHENSIVE SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS AS WAS PERFORMED IN THE LOWER 48

WHEREAS, in October, 2008, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under the United Nations, adopted new standards to reduce marine vessel emissions, to include general limits on the maximum sulfur content of fuel and nitrogen oxide emissions that apply to ships; and

WHEREAS, the IMO also adopted higher standards for specially designated areas called Emission Control Areas (ECA), which are established for the purpose of applying stringent standards in areas where ambient air quality is a serious risk to public health; and

WHEREAS, in April, 2009, the U.S. and Canada submitted an application to the IMO to designate an ECA for selected coastal areas within the U.S. and Canada to include southeast Alaska and southcentral Alaska (western Alaska is NOT included); and

WHEREAS, the EPA is currently considering a proposed rule that would include portions of Alaska in and ECA and would, therefore, require the use of ultra low sulfur fuel for vessels traveling within 200 miles of Alaska shores; and

WHEREAS, the IMO requires all ECA applications to consider the cost to implement the new standards and the economic impact to local communities; and

WHEREAS, no modeling was done in Alaska, as was done in the lower 48; to include:

- Analysis or air quality modeling
- Economic impact analysis
- Scientific data to justify costs; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has concluded that large passenger vessels would incur an additional \$7.00 per passenger day cost to pay for the new standards while costs in Alaska would be two and a half times as costly; and

WHEREAS, cruise ships leaving Los Angeles and/or Florida travel outside the ECAs very quickly, but in Alaska cruises, remain within the ECA boundaries their entire trip; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that two thirds of all costs within North America will be attributable to Alaska's cruises.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League requests the federal government remove Alaska from the EPA Emission Control Areas until the State of Alaska receives a similar comprehensive scientific analysis as was performed in the lower 48.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REGARDING SUPPORT FOR
SENATE BILL 4 AND HOUSE BILL 74, WHICH MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE ALASKA
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the Alaska Municipal League is to preserve local government options to ensure municipal government can be highly responsive to unique local circumstances and to meet the mandate of the Alaska Constitution “to provide for maximum local self government;” and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1977, the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) has provided Alaska’s coastal municipalities a powerful tool to promote responsible development while protecting coastal resources and uses; and

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of the ACMP has been the ability for municipalities organized as coastal districts to develop enforceable policies that address local circumstances and concerns; and

WHEREAS, changes to the ACMP statutes in 2003 and changes to the ACMP regulations in 2004 reduced the effectiveness of the ACMP, including a diminished role for coastal districts, including the inability to establish meaningful local enforceable policies, the removal of air and water quality from coordinated ACMP project reviews, and elimination of the Coastal Policy Council that facilitated public engagement in administrative and program decisions; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 4 and House Bill 74 would bring air and water quality issues back into the coordinated ACMP project review process; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 4 and House Bill 74 would establish the Coastal Policy Board which would restore the role of coastal districts and state agencies in making policy decisions for coastal management including the approval of coastal district plans, amendments to ACMP regulations, and overall ACMP grant programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports Senate Bill 4 and House bill 74 and urges the Alaska State Legislature to pass these bills which would restore meaningful local participation in the ACMP.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE REQUESTING THAT THE
ALASKA BOARD OF FISH SCHEDULE THEIR MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE
IMPACTED REGION WHOSE ISSUES THEY ARE ADDRESSING**

WHEREAS, Alaska's commercial fisheries employ more people as harvesters and processors than any other industry in the state, and

WHEREAS, there are many communities who directly and indirectly rely on Alaska's fisheries for their livelihood, and

WHEREAS, there are many issues facing Alaska's fisheries including sustainable management policies; processing capacity, oil and gas development, mineral exploration, the high cost of energy, climate change, economic stress, and other issues, and

WHEREAS, many of the state's affected residents and business owners are facing very trying economic times and the added burden of expensive travel costs will hinder many from participating in future Board of Fish meetings regularly held in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, meetings held in Anchorage may disenfranchise many Alaskan rural residents and business owners, while giving unfair advantage to outside interests who can afford to attend the Anchorage meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fish should meet in the region that it is making decisions about which directly and indirectly impact those living and working in that region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League requests that the Alaska Board of Fish schedule their meetings to be held in the impacted region whose issues they are addressing.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League urges the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to use their statutory powers to move the Board of Fish in this direction for the benefit of Alaska's fisheries and their stakeholders.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
ESTABLISHING REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS (RTPO) IN
THE STATE OF ALASKA**

WHEREAS, transportation planning in Alaska is developed primarily by the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), along with the two established Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in Anchorage and Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, rural and smaller communities often find that their input is given inadequate value and priority when local transportation plans are developed; and

WHEREAS, the ADOT&PF's current Non-Metropolitan Local Official Consultation Policy limits the role of local government and tribal officials in rural and smaller communities to that defined in 23 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 450.212 (h) & (i), that require states to have a documented process for consulting with non-metropolitan local officials for both the statewide transportation improvement program and the statewide transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPO) provide a forum for local input on transportation issues impacting regions of 100,000 or less; and

WHEREAS, 23 CFR 450.104 enhances consultation requirements with specific definitions of a tiered set of terms, including "consideration," "consultation," "cooperation," and "coordination," with "coordination" representing the top tier with MPOs; and

WHEREAS, "consideration" means that one or more parties takes into account the opinions, actions, and relevant information from other parties in making a decision or determining a course of action; and

WHEREAS, "consultation" means one or more parties confer with other identified parties in accordance with an established process and, prior to taking action(s), considers the views of the other parties and periodically informs them about action(s) taken; and

WHEREAS, "cooperation" means the parties involved in carrying out the transportation planning and programming processes work together to achieve a common goal or objective; and

WHEREAS, "coordination" means the cooperative development of plans, programs, and schedules among agencies and entities with legal standing and adjustment of such plans, programs, and schedules to achieve general consistency, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs are similar in nature and structure to MPOs and will strengthen the current requirement for state DOTs to partner with local elected and appointed officials from “consultation” to “cooperation,” as defined under federal law; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs serve as a link between state DOTs, elected officials (both local and tribal), and citizens in ensuring there is formal and continuous input from regional leaders and stakeholders into the statewide transportation planning and decision making process; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs provide technical assistance to local governments, assist with public involvement, facilitate participation of local officials in the statewide planning process, assist with applications for Transportation Enhancement grants, and develop regional priorities for the STIP, among other activities relevant to the region; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs may bring more transportation funding to rural Alaska where many transportation funding requirements are currently often too stringent for small population numbers; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs will permit locals to have more input into the sustainability and appropriate design of projects and plans in their respective regions, ensuring that technology relevant to rural Alaskan conditions is implemented; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs in Alaska will provide an information clearinghouse to oversee research and education on financing mechanisms to make the planning process easier; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs are an effective and recognized planning tool utilized by twenty-nine (29) other states, while none currently exist in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, RTPOs are typically established through an agreement or contract with state DOTs to perform a variety of activities: e.g., managing planning activities, data collection and analysis, and facilitating the public participation process; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the current requirement for ADOT&PF to partner with local elected and appointed officials from the “consultation” to “coordination” level, as defined under federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports legislation establishing Regional Transportation Planning Organizations in the State of Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appropriate changes be made in Department of Transportation and Public Facilities regulations and policy to reflect the enhanced “coordination” requirements for transportation planning organizations such as RTPOs in Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2010-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN SUPPORT OF THE
ALASKA PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S "ALASKA
FORWARD" INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP A LONG TERM ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR
ALASKA**

WHEREAS, Alaska's economy is challenged to provide quality jobs for the state's residents, cover the costs of government services, and build the economic infrastructure needed to be globally competitive; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is facing a unique set of longer term economic challenges that if unaddressed will see long term stagnation and fewer sustainable opportunities for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development has recognized the critical juncture we are at and the need for collaboration to work toward a common goal: long term economic prosperity for all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development has secured funding from the Denali Commission to begin a process of creating a private-public partnership to articulate a comprehensive economic development strategy for Alaska, known as "*Alaska Forward: Toward a Next Generation Economy*;" and

WHEREAS, the *Alaska Forward* initiative is being implemented in two phases: Phase 1 – comprehensive economic data collection and analysis, and Phase 2 – the crafting of an economic development plan and implementation strategy; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 is a situational analysis that is looking at the position of Alaska and its economic sub-regions in the global economy benchmarking the state against a reference group of economic regions and examining current approaches to economic development compared to "best practices;" and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 will use the data analysis in Phase 1 to create new public policy and private sector initiatives, as well as initiate institutional reform of the state's regulatory regime; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will ultimately provide guidance to the Alaska Legislature and Administration, government policy-makers, economic development organizations, and local governments on successful long term economic strategies; and

WHEREAS, unlike previous efforts, the *Alaska Forward* initiative is focused on strategic implementation of the recommendations that result from this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports the Alaska Partnership for Economic Development's "*Alaska Forward*" initiative to develop a long term economic strategy for Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League supports a vision of a future Alaska where people have good jobs that provide a good income; where globally competitive businesses thrive; where both cultural and geographic diversity are embraced; and regions with vibrant, connected communities have a high quality of life built upon Alaska's unique gifts.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 20th day of November, 2009.

Signed: 

Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League

Alaska Municipal League

Member Municipalities

Adak
 Akhiok
 Akutan
 Alakanuk
 Aleknagik
 Aleutians East Borough
 Allakaket
 Ambler
 Anchorage, Municipality of
 Anderson
 Angoon
 Aniak
 Anvik
 Atka
 Atkasuk
 Barrow
 Bethel
 Bettles
 Brevig Mission
 Bristol Bay Borough
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 Chevak
 Chignik
 Chuathbaluk
 Clark's Point
 Coffman Cove
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 Cordova
 Craig
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 Denali Borough
 Dillingham
 Diomedes
 Eagle
 Eek
 Egegik
 Ekwok
 Elim
 Emmonak
 Fairbanks
 Fairbanks North Star Borough
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 Grayling
 Gustavus
 Haines Borough

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 Homer
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 Kake
 Kaktovik
 Kaltag
 Kasaan
 Kenai
 Kenai Peninsula Borough
 Ketchikan
 Ketchikan Gateway Borough
 King Cove
 Kivalina
 Kobuk
 Kodiak
 Kodiak Island Borough
 Kotzebue
 Koyuk
 Koyukuk
 Kwethluk
 Lake & Peninsula Borough
 Larsen Bay
 Lower Kalskag
 Manokotak
 Marshall
 Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 McGrath
 Mekoryuk
 Metlakatla Indian Community
 Mountain Village
 Napakiak
 Napaskiak
 Nenana
 New Stuyahok
 Newhalen
 Nightmute
 Nikolai
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 Ouzinkie
 Palmer
 Pelican
 Petersburg
 Pilot Point
 Pilot Station
 Platinum
 Point Hope
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 Port Lions
 Quinhagak
 Ruby
 Russian Mission
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 Toksook Bay
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