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**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