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**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

Signed:   
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest:   
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League