



**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