



**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RESOLUTION #2010-01**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING LEGISLATION CREATING AN INTRASTATE  
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, intrastate mutual aid agreements provides a statutory minimal framework enabling local governments to request and receive mutual assistance from other local governments during and while preparing for emergencies without having to individually negotiate and sign those agreements in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) considers mutual aid agreements to be an indispensable tool for swift and coordinated disaster response; and

**WHEREAS**, a statutorily adopted intrastate mutual aid agreement allow local governments to not only meet NIMS requirements but to work effectively together to protect lives and property through optimal utilization of available public assets; and


**WHEREAS**, legislation based on the Model Intrastate Mutual Aid Legislation automatically includes all political subdivisions in the statewide mutual aid system but also allows political subdivisions to withdraw from the system through an appropriate resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, mutual aid legislation does not preclude participating political subdivisions from entering into supplementary agreements with another political subdivision or affect any other agreements to which a political subdivision may have already entered into or may wish to enter into in the future.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors recommends legislation creating an intrastate mutual aid agreement that establishes a minimal statutory framework through which local governments can request and receive mutual assistance.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

Signed:   
Mayor Bert Cottle, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest:   
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League