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ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

RESOLUTION #2014-01

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO BALLOT MEASURE #2 TO ALLOW THE COMMERCIALIZATION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN ALASKA

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 would legalize, commercialize and industrialize recreational marijuana in the State of Alaska for adults, 21 and over; and

WHEREAS, the use and delivery of marijuana is still a violation of federal law under the Controlled Substances Act; and

WHEREAS, the use of marijuana has been found to have negative physical, mental, behavioral and social health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of marijuana is predicted to produce significant net economic costs to the municipalities and cities in the areas of public safety, emergency services and other health and social services; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure #2 would have negative impacts on our workforce, workforce safety and employability; and

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2, as written, includes the legalization of all forms of marijuana, including potent and dangerous chemical concentrates and drug-infused edibles that appear to children; and

WHEREAS, ballot measure 2 ignores the severe problems that have been created by the legalization of recreational marijuana in other states, including public health hazards such as hash oil explosions and deaths from edibles; and

WHEREAS, this initiative would result in extensive advertising of marijuana and marijuana concentrates; and

WHEREAS, the provision for local control can be anticipated to result in increased costs to local municipalities associated with regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IN RESOLVED that the Alaska Conference of Mayors opposes the passage of the initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in Alaska and so urges voters to defeat ballot measure #2.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Conference of Mayors on this 12th day of August, 2014.

Signed: DeLena Johnson, President ACoM

Mayor DeLena Johnson, President, Alaska Conference of Mayors

Attest: Kathie Wasserman

Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League

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RESOLUTION #2014-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS RECOMMENDING AN AMENDMENT TO ALASKA STATUTE 35.30.010 PROVIDING FOR STRONGER AUTHORITY BY LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 35.30.010 – Review and Approval by Local Planning Authorities, require the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to obtain approval from local planning authorities before commencing construction of a public project, such as a highway improvement; and

WHEREAS, "before commencing construction" of a public project allows the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to advance a public project without local planning authority until the project plan is final, ready for construction, which is at a point of no return for the department and gives little meaning to the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities needs to obtain local planning review and approval for public projects before the final design or alternative is approved and accepted by the department, to meet the intent of the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Conference of Mayors recommends an amendment to Alaska Statute 35.30.010 providing for stronger authority by local planning authorities by deleting "before commencing construction: and by inserting, "before plans are approved by the department and an approved alternative is accepted by the department."

Signed: DeLena Johnson President ACoM
Mayor DeLena Johnson, President, Alaska Conference of Mayors

Attest: Kathie Wasserman
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League

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RESOLUTION #2014-03

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE A DEPOSIT OF $8 MILLION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO COVER THE SHORTFALL TO THE REVENUE SHARING FUND AND TO FUND THE FULL $60 MILLION IN THE FY15 BUDGET

WHEREAS, AS 29.60.850 was established to provide funds to be used for public purposes to municipalities, reserves and communities, based on 20% of the money received by the state during the previous calendar year under AS 43.20.030(c); and

WHEREAS, that amount may not exceed $60 million; or may not exceed a total balance in the fund of $180 million (3 years of payments); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature decreased the deposit amount in FY14 to $52 million, rather than $60 million; and

WHEREAS, even if that deposit amount is held steady, it will have increasing negative impacts to the overall fund balance; and

WHEREAS, a total of 228 communities share this $60 million; and

WHEREAS, most large municipalities use these funds to keep taxes as low as possible and;

WHEREAS, most small communities use these funds to provide basic services to the residents of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, more than 97% of the population of Alaska make their home in and are directly impacted by the financial impacts to local governments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Conference of Mayors requests the Governor to add an additional $8 million into this coming session's Supplemental Budget and to submit a proposal for the full amount of $60 million in the upcoming FY15 budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 13th day of August, 2014.

Signed: DeLena Johnson, President, ACoM
DeLena Johnson, President, Alaska Conference of Mayors

Attest: Kathie Wasserman
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League