



**Alaska Municipal League  
Annual Business Meeting Packet  
Held Virtually, via Zoom**

Business Meeting Agendas & Information

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# **AML Business Meeting Agenda**

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:00 AM via Zoom

**I. Call to order**

Pete Petersen, AML President

**II. Roll Call**

Nils Andreassen, AML Executive Director

**III. Approval of the Minutes**

November 22, 2019

**IV. Directors Reports**

- a. **Alaska Municipal League**, Nils Andreassen, Executive Director
- b. **Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool**, Peggy MacDonald, President
- c. **AML Joint Insurance Association**, Brennan Hickok, Deputy Director
- d. **Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commissions**, Jeff Rogers, President

**V. Nominating Committee and Candidate Statements**, Pat Branson, Chair

**VI. Position Committee and Resolutions Committee**, Pete Petersen, Chair

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Announcements**

**IX. Adjournment**

# **AML Business Meeting Agenda**

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

2:00 PM, via Zoom

**I. Call to order**

Pete Petersen, AML President

**II. Roll Call**

Nils Andreassen, AML Executive Director

**III. Elections of Officers and Directors**

**Resolutions Results**, Pete Petersen, Chair

**Election Results**, Pat Branson, Chair

**IV. Announcements**

**Presentation of Gavel**, Nils Andreassen, AML Executive Director

**V. Adjournment**

**DRAFT**  
**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**  
**69<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2019**  
**HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK**  
**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

**I. Call to Order:**

Alaska Municipal League President Stu Graham called the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Alaska Municipal League Local Government Business meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**II. Roll Call:**

Executive Director Nils Andreassen called the roll. There was a quorum.

**III. Approval of Minutes (November 18, 2018):**

President Stu Graham asked for a motion to approve the November 18, 2018 minutes. M/S: Kodiak/Anchorage. Motion passed.

**Position Statement:**

There were no changes. Position statement stays as read.

**IV. Reports of Committees:**

There were no committee reports.

**V. Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**VI. New Business:**

**President Stu Graham went through the legislative positions:**

Legislative Position 64/62 – M/S: Smalley/Branson. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 52 – M/S: Cottle/Combs. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 50 – Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 75/74 – M/S: Smalley/Aleknagik. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 79 – M/S: Anchorage/Palmer. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 131 – M/S: Nome/Juneau. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 65/63 – M/S: Wrangell/Aleutians East Borough. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 59/57 – M/S: Kenai/North Star Borough. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 66/64 – M/S: Kodiak/Anchorage. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 84/30 – M/S: Denali Borough. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 115 – M/S: Wasilla/Juneau. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 130/110 – M/S: Palmer/Kodiak. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 126 – M/S: Palmer/Valdez. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 17 – M/S: Juneau/Unalaska. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 5/4 – M/S: Soldotna/Wrangell. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 73/69 – M/S: Toksook Bay/Kotzebue. Motion Passed.

Legislative Position 156 – M/S: Wasilla/Egegik. Motion Passed.  
Legislative Position 69/67 – M/S: Fairbanks/Unalaska. Motion Passed.  
Legislative Position 61/59 – M/S: Aleutians East Borough/Valdez. Motion Passed.  
Legislative Position 76 – M/S: Unalaska/Wrangell. Motion Passed.  
Legislative Position 60/58 – M/S: Kodiak/Unalaska. Motion Passed.

**President Stu Graham then went through the resolutions.**

Resolution #2020-01-10 - M/S: Juneau/Palmer without 6. Motion passed.  
Remove 2020-6 – M/S: Sitka/Aleutians East Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-02- M/S: Juneau/Palmer.  
Resolution #2020-03 - M/S: Denali/Fairbanks North Star Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-04 - M/S: Northwest Arctic Borough/Angoon. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-05 - M/S: City of Fairbanks/Kodiak. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-06 - M/S: City of Fairbanks/Palmer. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-07 - M/S: Aleutians East Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-08 - M/S: Palmer/Haines. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-09 - M/S: Nome/Palmer. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-10 - M/S: Aleutians East Borough/Valdez. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-11 - M/S: Denali Borough/City of Fairbanks. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-12 - M/S: Valdez/Northwest Arctic Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-13 - M/S: Wrangell/Kenai Peninsula Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-14 - M/S: Kenai Peninsula Borough/Kenai. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-15 - M/S: Palmer/Kodiak. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-16 - M/S: Kotzebue/Northwest Arctic Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-17 - M/S: Haines/North Slope Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-18 - M/S: Ketchikan/Cordova. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-19 - M/S: Kenai Peninsula Borough/Kodiak – Denali Borough/Kodiak to amend to read and in support “of a veto or” same language at end. Amendment passed. Motion passed with amendment.  
Resolution #2020-20 - M/S: Cordova/Ketchikan. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-21 - M/S: Fairbanks/Fairbanks North Star Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-22 - M/S: Anchorage/Kodiak Island Borough. Motion Passed.  
Resolution #2020-23 - M/S: Kodiak Island Borough/Kodiak. Motion Passed.

**Election of 2019 Officers and Directors:**

Second Vice President – Jim Matherly

District – 1 Jan Hill

District – 3 Lisa Parker

District – 5 Suzanne LaFrance

District 7 – Liz Lyke

District 9 – Fred Watson

District 10 Dennis Robertson

At-Large – Michelle Hale

NLC - Terry Haines

Motion to destroy ballots. M/S: Kenai Peninsula Borough/City of Soldotna. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

President Stu Graham Adjourned the November 19, 2019 Annual Business Meeting at 11:30a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League



**Alaska Municipal League  
70<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Conference  
Legislative Strategy Packet**

**Draft 2021 Principles and Policy Statements**

**Carry Forward Resolutions – 2019-2020**

**Guidelines and Procedures**

**Draft 2021 Resolutions**



## Principles

- Support the Alaska Constitution's mandate "to provide for maximum local self-government"
- Support policies that reduce tax burdens and reimburse for State-mandated exemptions
- Support State revenue assistance as an investment in and support for municipal governance
- Support adequate State funding for basic public services and infrastructure
- Oppose unfunded and underfunded State or Federal legislative and administrative mandates
- Oppose any efforts to reduce local revenues and local revenue authorities
- Oppose State or Federal policies that shift responsibilities to local governments without a negotiated agreement that includes adequate and full annual funding

## Policy Statements

### **MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE (TITLE 29)**

- Support increased capacity within and professionalization of State tax assessment.
- Support improvements to records retention, public records access, and public notice.
- Support issuance of a municipal impact fiscal note within proposed legislation.

### **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND REVENUE SHARING**

- Support a baseline floor of \$60 million annually, and encourage a long-term, sustainable solution.
- Support a method to waive debt, forgive loans, or otherwise bolster "stressed" communities.

### **PERS/TRS CHANGES**

- Support amendments to termination studies and penalties for leaving PERS/TRS.
- Support the development of a pathway to decrease overall unfunded liability.
- Oppose any cost shift of the State "on behalf" payment over 22%, or any other changes that haven't been negotiated and agreed to by municipalities.

### **FISCAL POLICY**

- Support agency and programmatic efficiency and right-sizing, but oppose cost-shifting to municipalities and eliminating essential services.
- Support the development of a broad-based tax to increase state revenue.
- Interest rate penalties found in AS 26.45.500(b) should be consistent with market rates.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Increase tools available for public safety official recruitment and retention.
- Support and strengthen the VPSO program.
- Support state efforts to decrease access to and impacts from opioids.
- Increase state funding of community jails.
- Fund the administrative costs of municipal hosting of E911 systems.

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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Support increased investment in infrastructure development, which facilitates economic growth.
- Support increased investment in training and workforce development.
- Support state responsiveness to local economic development planning, including local economic diversification and small business development strategies.

## **EDUCATION**

- Support early childhood education, career and technical education, and preparing, attracting and retaining qualified educators.
- Support for accountability and assessment that meets federal requirements and maximizes local control.
- Oppose any reduction in school funding and support investment in infrastructure and deferred maintenance.
- Support amendments to the funding formula removing penalties for consolidation of school facilities within a district.
- Oppose forced consolidation of school districts.
- Oppose the elimination of the school bond debt reimbursement program, and any reductions to previous reimbursement commitments.
- Support a sustainable university system capable of delivering educational opportunities, workforce development, and credible research.

## **FISHERIES**

- Support for appropriately funded DF&G and increased investment in fisheries monitoring, research and outreach.
- Support continued investment in port and harbor infrastructure.
- Support reinstatement of the Harbor Matching Grant program, partially fulfilling the state's obligation for maintenance of harbors transferred into municipal ownership.
- Support an active role in federal fisheries management, and clean water, as well as transboundary negotiations.

## **ENERGY**

- Support for vetting of and investing in energy projects, processes and programs that decrease energy costs and reimburse municipal debt or investments corresponding to and by utilizing PCE savings.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- Support State investment that can be used to match or supplement federal funding.
- Support increases to the State capital budget, including a statewide transportation infrastructure bond.
- Support a sustainable ferry system that continues basic, year-round, ferry service to coastal communities.

## **MINERALS**

- Support responsible resource development and the reduction of investment barriers alongside improved environmental risk management.

## **WATER, WASTEWATER AND SANITATION**

- Support increased State investment in maintenance and infrastructure upgrades.
- Support reinstatement of the Municipal Matching Grant program to help municipalities match or supplement local and federal funding.

**Carry Forward Resolutions, with Technical Edits**

Resolution #2019-01: A resolution in support of the development of a Community Dividend.

Resolution #2019-02: A resolution requesting that the Alaska State Legislature fund the Senior Citizen's/Disabled Veteran's property tax exemption as required in AS 29.45.030(g).

- Updated – total property tax exemption valued now at \$93 million, from \$77 million

Resolution #2019-03: A resolution in support of full funding from the State of Alaska for school bond debt reimbursement and State aid for construction in Regional Education Attendance Areas

- Third to last Whereas, updated 2016 to 2020, and struck, “as well as major maintenance funding for schools in REAAs” since this was not included this last year
- Second to last Whereas, struck “in 2016”, “line item”, “25”, and “both” – updated to indicate that the Governor vetoed 100% of school bond debt reimbursement

Resolution #2019-04: A resolution supporting legislation adopting real property sales disclosure in Alaska.

Resolution #2019-05: A resolution supporting increased investment in the Alaska Renewable Energy Fund, and continued support for existing State energy and energy efficiency programs.

Resolution #2019-06: A resolution supporting the State's implementation of a broad-based tax.

Resolution #2019-07: A resolution requesting that Title 29 be amended to remove the audit requirement for Community Assistance, and provide a one-time waiver of past audit requirements, thereby releasing all outstanding Community Revenue Sharing/Assistance funds.

~~Resolution #2019-08: A resolution encouraging the Governor and Legislature to increase capacity within the Office of Management and Budget to evaluate costs to communities of State and Legislative budget and legislative actions, and to include a municipal impact fiscal note in all relevant legislation.~~

Resolution #2019-09: A resolution requesting that the Governor and Alaska State Legislature provide a one-time payoff of PERS arrearages.

~~Resolution #2019-10: A resolution in support of changing the transferability of limited entry salmon permits by allowing an additional name on the permit.~~

Resolution #2020-02: Encouraging the Legislature to meet as the Assembly of the

Unorganized Borough, and to take up its governance as required by the Constitution.

Resolution #2020-03: Opposing decisions by DOT&PF to increase their indirect rates; supporting increased funding for the Community Transportation Program; and encouraging policy to enable local- delivered projects and locally managed federal funds.

Resolution #2020-04: Expressing support for rural law enforcement efforts such as the VPO and VPSO program, while recognizing the need for increased investment and the potential for reform to ensure both public safety and the sustainability of law enforcement efforts in rural Alaska.

Resolution #2020-05: Opposing any increase to the required minimum local contribution or decreases to State funding levels; removing the maximum local contribution allowable; and considering Impact Aid as part of the local contribution.

~~Resolution #2020-06 Expressing appreciation of DEC's policy to test for and analyze a full suite of PFAS compounds; requesting that State and Federal action on PFAS continue, including to establish PFAS compounds as eligible for funding, and set allowable limits and standards for cleanup.~~

Resolution #2020-07: Expressing support for reform to PERS that includes a complete pay-down of the unfunded liability; conditionally, requesting that the State also conduct termination studies, small or struggling employers be allowed to opt out of the system, and that the high interest rate on non- payment be eliminated.

Resolution #2020-08: In support of economic, resource and infrastructure development that benefits local governments, the State of Alaska, and Alaska residents.

~~Resolution #2020-09: Supporting all and diverse efforts that contribute to a complete count during the U.S. Census.~~

Resolution #2020-10: Supporting full payment of currently obligated school bond debt reimbursement; opposing an extension to the school bond debt reimbursement moratorium; and supporting a careful and deliberate reform of State support of school construction and maintenance.

Resolution #2020-11: Encouraging the State of Alaska to develop a plan to transfer authority to accept federal funds from the State directly to local governments or their designee.

Resolution #2020-12: Supporting the effort to maximize local self-government, respect local control, and encourage the State to provide funding for the adoption of powers and incorporation, including borough formation where feasible.

Resolution #2020-13: Supporting reform of the USDA Forest Service Secure Rural Schools program to include long-term certainty and sustainability of funding.

Resolution #2020-14: In support of reform of the PILT funding formula to extend multipliers to smaller population counties (boroughs), and permanently authorizing the program.

Resolution #2020-15: Supporting the Legislature's efforts toward consensus on the Permanent Fund Dividend.

Resolution #2020-16: Supporting the sustainability of the Alaska Universal Service Fund (AUSF) and increased investment in rural infrastructure and affordability.

Resolution #2020-17: Opposing any State action that would diminish the ability of local governments to tax or receive a share of State tax on local economic activity.

Resolution #2020-18: Considering unacceptable the reductions to funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System in FY21 and the changes to the winter schedule; opposing any further reduction to the System's budget and supporting reform that is sustainable and responsive to the needs of coastal communities.

- Updated from FY20 to FY21

Resolution #2020-19: Opposing any further reductions to Community Assistance and in support of an appropriation to the Community Assistance Fund that would bring the Fund total back up to \$90 million.

- Updated to reflect that the reduction did occur and payments were reduced in FY21; removed support for an override since that wouldn't be applicable at this point

~~Resolution #2020-20: Supporting full funding (\$12,145,312) for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY21 budget.~~

Resolution #2020-21: Supporting Amendments to AS 29.45.500 to Require Municipalities to Pay Reasonable Interest on Tax Refunds.

Resolution #2020-22: Requesting the Alaska State Legislature approve a coastal infrastructure general obligation bond.

- Removed for the 2020 election to make more general.
- Members suggested that a broader infrastructure GO bond be considered, and this could be updated or another introduced

~~Resolution #2020-23: Urging the Alaska Legislature to Override \$5 Million Veto of Alaska Marine Highway System Funding for FY2020.~~

# **Resolution Guidelines and Submission**

A resolution is a statement of the Alaska Municipal League's intent to support a specific action on a significant issue or legislation affecting municipalities. Resolutions are introduced, debated, and adopted by AML members each year during the Business Meeting at the Annual Local Government Conference. To be considered during the conference, resolutions must conform to the following policy, procedural and format guidelines that have been adopted by the AML Board of Directors.

## **RESOLUTION GUIDELINES**

1. Resolutions shall concern shared policy and program needs, state or federal legislation, issues, or problems of Alaska municipalities and shall state the problem and action sought.
  - A. Resolutions may not conflict with any adopted AML positions.
  - B. Resolutions that allow conflict between one community against another will be eliminated.
  - C. Resolutions will be revised to make a general application instead of one seeking to benefit a specific community only; especially if the benefit to that one community would be at the expense of another community (i.e. support relocating a state office from city to city).
  - D. Resolutions with the same topic will be combined.
2. Resolutions shall be restricted to action-specific issues and issues of some immediacy and shall be directed to the Governor, Legislature, State Agency, President and/or the Congress.
3. Resolutions differ from priorities in that:
  - A. Resolutions shall address specific issues rather than general policy.
  - B. Resolutions may address regional issues as well as statewide concerns.
  - C. Resolutions are intended to address timely issues such as current legislative proposals.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT**

1. Only councils and assemblies of member municipalities, affiliated municipal associations, affiliated regional municipal organizations (comprised of municipal officials), the AML Board and the Alaska Conference of Mayors are eligible to submit resolutions for consideration. Each resolution submitted must have been approved by a formal action of the sponsoring body and by at least one member municipality, if not a local government.
2. Resolutions should be mailed, faxed or emailed to the AML office by September 30, after which they will be presented to the Resolution Committee for consideration. Resolutions must follow format guidelines.
3. A final Resolutions packet will be distributed to members by October 12.

4. The First Vice-President shall serve as Chair of the Resolutions Committee and shall appoint eight (8) additional elected and appointed municipal officials from the AML Board.
5. The Resolutions Committee will meet on Monday, November 9 – the membership is invited to attend.
6. Resolutions not submitted by October 12 may be offered to the Resolution Committee on November 6th at 5:00 p.m., for consideration during the Resolution Committee meeting. However, the sponsor of any resolution presented directly to the Resolution Committee must have the support of representatives of five (5) member municipalities and be in proper format.
7. The Resolutions Committee shall review prior year resolutions to develop as part of a consent agenda for the business meeting.
8. The Resolutions Committee shall, based on the above guidelines, review and act upon each resolution for final recommendation to the membership. The Resolutions Committee shall approve, amend, or reject each resolution submitted, note its action, and, if the resolution is approved, send it to the business meeting for consideration. If a resolution is rejected, the committee shall prepare a brief written justification of its action and forward that information to the business meeting.
9. Resolutions will be reviewed, debated and acted upon by the AML Membership at the Annual Business Meeting. Sponsors of properly submitted resolutions will be given an opportunity to discuss and support their resolutions at the meeting.
10. A resolution rejected by the Resolution Committee may be brought to the floor of the business meeting on November 18 only if it is signed by representatives from twenty (20) member municipalities. No new resolutions may be submitted to the business meeting without first going to the Resolution Committee.
11. The virtual format of the 2020 Annual Conference will necessitate some additional considerations. Resolutions will be up for discussion during a business meeting on November 18, sent to one representative from each member to vote on, and final tallies announced on November 20 during the concluding business meeting. This process may evolve as circumstance and technology demands.

#### **RESOLUTIONS FORMAT**

The resolution must be in the proper format. The name of the sponsoring member municipality or association and the date of submission must be indicated on the bottom of the resolution. Each resolution submitted must indicate that it is a “Resolution of the Alaska Municipal League, Resolution #2021-xx and have a title, beginning, “A Resolution ...” that describes the issue and intent of the resolution. Throughout the text, the resolution should indicate that the League is taking the position advocated, not a given municipality or organization. At least one “Whereas” clause should identify the policies in the AML Position Statement that the resolution addresses (i.e., expands or supplements), if applicable.



1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01**

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5 **IN SUPPORT OF A LEGISLATIVE PROCESS THAT RECOGNIZES LOCAL**  
6 **GOVERNMENTS AS INHERENT PARTNERS IN THE DELIVERY OF STATE**  
7 **OBJECTIVES.**

8  
9 WHEREAS, there are 165 incorporated city and borough governments in Alaska, acting as  
10 political subdivisions of the State; and

11  
12 WHEREAS, through Constitutional and statutory authority, local governments have the State's  
13 powers and responsibility to tax and deliver services in the public interest; and

14  
15 WHEREAS, there is no formal mechanism for local governments to contribute to the  
16 development of the Governor's budget, wherein agencies, OMB, and the Governor develop  
17 budgets that directly impact local governments but without their input; and

18  
19 WHEREAS, throughout a legislative session, local government officials are directed to provide  
20 input as part of the "public" comment process; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, the Legislature has committees in the Senate and House that are dedicated to  
23 Community and Regional Affairs, but are potentially underutilized in developing an agenda that  
24 helps the Legislature understand the condition of communities; and

25  
26 WHEREAS, the Governor's office often has a dedicated staff member acting as their lead for  
27 local governments relations, but the equivalent does not exist within the Legislature; and

28  
29 WHEREAS, local government leaders are in a good position to contribute meaningfully to policy  
30 development and budget decisions, understanding both impact and local variation.

31  
32 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AML recommends that:

- 33 • Legislative leadership name Committee members or staff that will serve as local  
34 government liaisons, assisting in sharing local government information with legislators  
35 as appropriate; and
- 36
- 37 • A joint session of the Legislature be called to have addressed each year the Condition of  
38 Communities; and
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- 40
- 41 • In cooperation with AML, the House and Senate Community and Regional Affairs  
42 committee chairs, and other Committee chairs as appropriate, establish a session and/or  
43 interim agenda that provides legislators, agencies, and the public with greater awareness  
44 of local government issues; and
- 45

- The Legislature establish a dedicated opportunity for local government contributions as part of all committee processes, prior to and outside the public comment process, including as a more formal component of invited testimony.

SUBMITTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02**

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5 **REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE REVIEW AND MAKE OPTIONAL**  
6 **EXEMPTIONS THAT ARE MORE APPROPRIATELY DECIDED AT THE LOCAL**  
7 **LEVEL.**

8  
9 WHEREAS, increasingly, local governments are expected to fulfill State responsibilities that the  
10 State can no longer afford; and

11  
12 WHEREAS, in order to meet these obligations, local governments must have the tools at their  
13 disposal necessary to deliver essential services and ensure that the corresponding tax burden does  
14 not fall disproportionately on the rest of the tax base; and

15  
16 WHEREAS, the State's exemptions of certain types of property affect the ability of local  
17 governments to deliver essential services; and

18  
19 WHEREAS, mandatory exemptions result in a more limited tax base, and the tax rate more  
20 heavily burdening only certain portions of a city or borough's residents; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, in particular, an exemption of household furniture and personal effects  
23 (29.45.030(a)(2)) is better determined at the local level; and

24  
25 WHEREAS, in particular, the undeveloped value of natural resources in place is reserved to  
26 taxation by the State, even as the impact and benefit may be managed also at the local level, and  
27 local control of taxation may increase the viability of a project; and

28  
29 WHEREAS, in particular, the exemption (29.45.030(a)) of AIDEA land and the Alaska Railroad  
30 (42.40.910) – two public corporations that maintain a business model similar to that of any  
31 private corporation – are inconsistent with a public purpose; and

32  
33 WHEREAS, broad age-based exemptions do not take into account the need or lack thereof of  
34 those residents, which runs counter to best practices, and in the development of mandatory age-  
35 based exemptions the State committed to reimbursement and has not since 1985, now valued at  
36 more than \$90 million.

37  
38 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AML requests that the Governor and Legislature  
39 review all mandatory exemptions affecting local governments and where found to be beneficial  
40 pass legislation that makes optional those accounted for above, which together increase taxes for  
41 the remaining taxpayers and diminish the ability of local governments to provide continued and  
42 new essential services.

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44  
45 SUBMITTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE  
46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

2  
3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03**

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5 **IN SUPPORT FOR STATE POLICY AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT THAT**  
6 **REFLECTS A SUSTAINABLE DRAW FROM THE PERMANENT FUND'S EARNINGS**  
7 **RESERVE.**

8  
9 WHEREAS, the State has undergone significant and continuing fiscal challenges for at least the  
10 last five years; and

11  
12 WHEREAS, deficit spending has contributed to loss of emergency reserves once found within  
13 the Constitutional Budget Reserve and Statutory Budget Reserve, both of which are at this point  
14 depleted; and

15  
16 WHEREAS, of general fund revenues, competing priorities result in increased potential for the  
17 State to incur reductions to core programs that local governments and residents depend on; and

18  
19 WHEREAS, those same budgetary pressures increase the likelihood the State may choose to  
20 shift costs to local governments, hoping that they will pick up the State's obligations; and

21  
22 WHEREAS, lawmakers have a range of appropriation powers and tools at their disposal to meet  
23 this fiscal challenge; and

24  
25 WHEREAS, one of the available options to lawmakers are the funds held within the Earning  
26 Reserve Account (ERA), estimated to be approximately \$6 billion (realized, vs. \$12 billion  
27 unrealized); and

28  
29 WHEREAS, the funds are accessible to lawmakers through a simple majority vote, though we  
30 understand that for every \$1 billion in funds drawn down today, the result is \$50 million less  
31 available in future years; and

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33 WHEREAS, it may be tempting to utilize these funds for short-term needs, outside the current  
34 structure of a 5% POMV draw that makes available sustainable revenue to fund the State's  
35 obligations; and

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37 WHEREAS, an unstructured draw has the potential to destabilize future budgets, pushes  
38 challenges to and impacts future generations, and leaves unresolved the many critical needs  
39 related to public health and welfare, public safety and education, and infrastructure; and

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41 WHEREAS, while conditions have continued to deteriorate such that the State's fiscal situation  
42 is increasingly dire and additional solutions need to be presented as viable options, it remains  
43 critical that the State identify the means by which it addresses these issues; and  
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45 WHEREAS, a sustainable draw is a component of a sustainable State fiscal policy that includes  
46 revenues and expenditures that have been balanced, emergency reserves replenished, and a fund  
47 balance established.

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49 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT AML commends to the Governor and  
50 Legislature support for State policy and budget development that reflects a sustainable draw  
51 from the Permanent Fund's Earnings Reserve.

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39 short-term budgetary demands; but that the State also begin a process to evaluate the process for  
40 an appropriate steward to assume management of the endowment and distribution based on  
41 statutory investment policy and formula; and

42 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT as part of this process PCE funds become available to  
43 reimburse communities for making investments in lower cost energy infrastructure, and a set  
44 aside and distribution occur each year for distribution to the local governments that demonstrate  
45 relevant need as part of the Community Assistance program.

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49 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05**

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5 **ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION THAT FOSTERS NEW APPROACHES TO**  
6 **PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND SUFFICIENT AND CONSISTENT FUNDING.**

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9 WHEREAS, it is the State's constitutional obligation to establish and maintain a system of  
10 public education; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State currently provides more than half of overall education funding, local  
13 government contributions and local impact aid makes up the remainder; and  
14 Whereas, school districts are challenged to recruit and retain teachers, and meet the needs of  
15 students, without strong and stable budgets; and

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17 WHEREAS, the State appropriates funds for school construction and major maintenance as  
18 available, and school construction and major maintenance funding has diminished over the years,  
19 and generally not fully funded the entirety of the need; and

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21 WHEREAS, school bond debt reimbursement has increasingly been unfunded and that cost  
22 shifted to local governments; and

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24 WHEREAS, 39 of 56 school districts are municipal, corresponding to home rule or first class  
25 boroughs or cities responsibilities, and the remainder are Regional Educational Attainment Areas  
26 (REAAs); and

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28 WHEREAS, the boundaries of REAAs are inconsistent with current statute, 2<sup>nd</sup> class cities  
29 within the unorganized borough do not contribute directly to education funding, and without  
30 taxing authority those school districts are reliant on the State; and

31  
32 WHEREAS, the State's fiscal challenges increases the potential for additional costs to fall on  
33 boroughs, and home rule or first class cities in the unorganized borough; and  
34 Whereas, the total contribution made by the State, federal and local governments is insufficient  
35 to meet the needs of Alaska's public education system; and

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37 WHEREAS, new approaches may be necessary to consider as part of addressing these issues.  
38 Now, therefore be it resolved that AML communicates its interest in working with AASB,  
39 ACSA, ALASBO and others to address the following issues, and others, and in support of  
40 negotiated solutions:

- 41 1. Review of potential statewide revenue development to meet public education funding needs,  
42 including removing mandatory, dedicated taxation at the local level to allow for maximum  
43 local control.  
44 2. Evaluation of the equalization formula as it relates to district costs, local contributions,  
45 mandated expenses, and the needs of public education.



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47 3. Processes that reflect the State’s commitment to school construction and major maintenance,  
48 including to meet current obligations and the needs of maintaining a public education system  
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50 4. District boundaries consistent with statute and regional needs, as well as the effective and  
51 efficient delivery of public education  
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54 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06**

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5 **SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE ALASKA HEALTH INITIATIVE**

6  
7 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is facing a billion-dollar budget deficit and is examining ways to  
8 balance the State's budget and reduce state spending; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska faces a public health crisis, which is requiring extensive scaling  
10 up of the public health infrastructure in response; and

11 WHEREAS, there is the potential for leveraging increased public health capacity to meet  
12 additional needs of Alaskans, which may contribute as well to addressing State and local  
13 government costs; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska currently has some of the highest per capita rates of substance  
15 abuse and tobacco use in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has some of the highest rates of domestic violence, sexual  
17 assault, suicide, child abuse and neglect, accidental death rates, obesity and sexually transmitted  
18 diseases in the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, data from the 2019 Alaska Kids Count Report ranks Alaska 45<sup>th</sup> in the nation for  
20 children's well-being based on 16 benchmarks related to quality of life, 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation for  
21 health, 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation for education, and 33<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for economic well-being; and

22 WHEREAS, children who experience abuse or neglect are approximately nine times more likely  
23 to become involved in criminal activity, thus burdening the legal and prison systems than  
24 children who do not experience child abuse or neglect; and

25 WHEREAS, Alaska's public health crisis impacts almost all state department operations and  
26 budgets, costs the State of Alaska millions of dollars every year, and damages the state's  
27 economy by limiting productive contributions that healthier citizens could have made; and

28 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has made attempts to combat some of these public health  
29 challenges but success may depend on a more coordinated and intensive approach; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Alaska should identify ways in which a comprehensive state-wide  
31 public health initiative could be paid for, with an appropriate return on that investment; and

32 WHEREAS, substantially reducing the State of Alaska's public health issues will reduce the  
33 need for programs and services and result in significant cost savings to the State.

34 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Municipal League supports a  
35 comprehensive statewide healthy Alaska initiative that aims to leverage current investments in  
36 the public health infrastructure to substantially reduce our public health issues and reduce the

37 state's operating budget as programs and services are no longer needed to address preventable  
38 problems.

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1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07**

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5 **REQUESTING RENEWED STATE SUPPORT AND INCREASED FUNDING FOR**  
6 **LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES AND PREPAREDNESS.**  
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8 WHEREAS, the State has a long history of providing support for local emergency preparedness;  
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11 WHEREAS, local preparedness contributes to the ability of the State to respond effectively in  
12 the case of a crisis; and  
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14 WHEREAS, State support has come in the form of technical resources, as well as financial aid  
15 that helps local governments form and sustain local emergency planning committees; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the State had conducted some of this collaboration through DMVA's Local  
18 Emergency Planning Committees; and  
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20 WHEREAS, in FY19 the State funded LEPCs at \$298,500, in FY20 all of the LEPC funding of  
21 \$225,000 was vetoed from the State's budget, and in FY20 eliminated from the budget entirely;  
22 and  
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24 WHEREAS, the justification for those reductions note that "communities can apply for grants  
25 through other sources including DCCED and the federal government" and that "the State's fiscal  
26 reality dictates a reduction in expenditures;" and  
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28 WHEREAS, many local governments were unable to sustain LEPCs on their own, and were not  
29 able to identify grants corresponding to this need, while others saw their preparedness reduced  
30 dramatically; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the current COVID-19 public health emergency highlighted challenges related to  
33 these gaps, wherein lack of funding has resulted in a less effective response than could otherwise  
34 have been in place; and  
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36 WHEREAS, Alaska's public safety and health are dependent on strong public institutions that  
37 are able to 1) communicate local, on the ground information to state and federal decision makers,  
38 2) engage with and partner at the State and federal level; and 3) assist in implementing state and  
39 federal guidance; and  
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41 WHEREAS, an FY21 supplemental appropriation would ensure that local governments have the  
42 ability to sustain the systems that were developed in response to COVID-19, especially if no  
43 further federal funding is available and CARES Act funding remains restricted; and  
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45 WHEREAS, while recognizing the State’s fiscal reality, the public health emergency and  
46 economic crisis, 2019 earthquakes and fire season, and future emergencies necessitate capacity at  
47 the local level that assists in the State response; and  
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49 WHEREAS, the State investment in local planning efforts saves the State time and funding later  
50 during an actual emergency, as systems are in place to coordinate response.  
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52 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AML requests renewed State support and  
53 increasing funding for local emergency planning committees and preparedness.  
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56 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08**

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5 **IN SUPPORT OF A BALANCED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING THE STATE OF**  
6 **ALASKA’S DEFICIT AND CONTINUING FISCAL CHALLENGES.**

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8 WHEREAS, in 2016 AML presented a Sustainability Plan as the result of a year’s worth of  
9 Committee work, and carefully evaluating the options at the time; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Plan included creation of the POMV, changes to the PFD formula, broad based  
12 taxes, and additional revenue measures; and since then, the POMV has been implemented and  
13 some small reductions have been made to expenditures; and

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15 WHEREAS, while the level of State spending on State government has remained about the same,  
16 much of its savings have been achieved by cost-shifting to local governments; and

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18 WHEREAS, since 2016 the State has spent down almost the entirety of its savings accounts and  
19 there are few options remaining that don’t include broad based revenue measures, use of the  
20 remaining funds that have been held within the Earnings Reserve account, additional cost-  
21 shifting, or dramatic reductions to spending; and

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23 WHEREAS, as local government officials who similarly have to make hard choices in balancing  
24 local budgets, our members recognize the inherent challenges, fraught politics, and social and  
25 economic impacts; and

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27 WHEREAS, Alaska’s cities and boroughs – as political subdivisions of the State – depend on a  
28 State government that has the resources available to deliver its Constitutional and statutory  
29 obligations, including in partnership with local governments; and

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31 WHEREAS, the deterioration of the State’s fiscal condition materially threatens the  
32 sustainability of local governments in Alaska; and

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34 WHEREAS, Alaska’s residents, businesses, and local governments expect action by the  
35 Governor and Legislature that balance the State’s budget using the myriad tools of government –  
36 right-sizing programs, broad-based taxation, and strategic spending; and a balanced approach is  
37 crucial and will require reexamination of current approaches.

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39 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AML supports a balanced approach to addressing  
40 the State of Alaska’s deficit and continuing fiscal challenges, including by addressing the  
41 following:

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43 • Broad-based taxation (personal and corporate income, sales, and property)  
44 • Additional revenue measures tied to use (motor fuel, marijuana, tobacco, alcohol) or  
45 resource  
46 • A stable PFD formula consistent with a sustainable draw from the Earnings Reserve.

- Potential reductions to the State budget irrespective of fund source
- Negotiating solutions to devolve responsibilities, and foster public-private partnerships

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AML suggests the following criteria be used in evaluating the efficacy of these options:

- The effective date of broad-based taxation should be consistent with economic recovery, including to phase in over time – these programs take time to implement
- Social and economic modeling should accompany individual options and the combination of options, with consideration given to the impact on the tax base, equity, and distribution
- Local governments are diverse in their ability to sustain cost-shifting or cuts, and that variability will need to be taken into account
- Negotiated solutions are different than unfunded mandates, and must include a level of funding that can be leveraged at the local level

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1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09**

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5 **IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL**  
6 **JAILS, AND A BASE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR VILLAGE POLICE OFFICERS.**  
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8 WHEREAS, Alaska has a unified court system and the criminal justice system is the obligation  
9 of the State; and  
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11 WHEREAS, local governments have the option to adopt police powers, with more than 70  
12 having done so; and local law enforcement enforces State and municipal law; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the State has separated local law enforcement into two classes, one of which is  
15 Village Police Officers (VPOs), who have different training requirements than other public  
16 safety professionals in the state, but very similar responsibilities to other local law enforcement,  
17 and more responsibility than Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) who received more  
18 training; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the State invests \$10 million in the VPSO program, a necessary component of the  
21 overall public safety system in Alaska, for about the same number of officers as VPOs, which it  
22 contributes nothing to; and  
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24 WHEREAS, increasing public attention on public safety, including recruitment and retention,  
25 hiring practices and training, performance and outcomes, and operations, necessitates an  
26 increased level of commitment to and investment in these systems; and  
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28 WHEREAS, at the same time, 15 local governments provide community and regional jails on  
29 behalf of the State's criminal justice system; and these jails are an integral part of local and state  
30 law enforcement; and  
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32 WHEREAS, State funding for community and regional jails has been static for the last three  
33 years, and if adjusted for inflation represents pre-2002 levels of State investment; and in many  
34 cases, State funding is only 50% of the full cost of managing the jail on the State's behalf, and in  
35 all cases deficient; and  
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37 WHEREAS, if local governments are to effectively deliver public safety in Alaska then the State  
38 must better contribute to their ability to do so; and  
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40 WHEREAS, additional State investment is needed to improve and adjust to the demands of these  
41 roles, to attract and retain qualified officers, and to expand training and preparedness.  
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43 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AML calls on the Governor and Legislature to  
44 fully fund community and regional jails, requiring at least an additional \$5 million more than the  
45 \$7 million currently budgeted; and  
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding should be appropriated in support of Village Police  
48 Officers, to include at least coverage of police professional liability insurance, travel for training  
49 and training expenses, and a base level of pay, the estimated total of which will represent half of  
50 what the State invests in the VPSO program.

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1 **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10**

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5 **IN APPRECIATION FOR THE STATE’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19, THE PUBLIC**  
6 **HEALTH EMERGENCY AND ECONOMIC CRISIS.**

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9 WHEREAS, COVID-19 threatened the health and well-being of Alaskans, even as it  
10 dramatically affected the same across the world; and

11 WHEREAS, the State’s early and robust action early resulted in effectively managing the spread,  
12 flattening the curve, and giving the public health and medical community the time necessary to  
13 prepare; and

14 WHEREAS, Alaska continues to have some of the most testing, and the lowest number of deaths  
15 per capita and total deaths in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Governor Mike Dunleavy, Commissioner Adam Crum, and Dr. Anne Zink are to be  
17 commended for their high level of leadership throughout this crisis; and

18 WHEREAS, local government officials actively worked with State officials throughout, with  
19 emergency operations centers established, incident commanders and public information officers  
20 named; and

21 WHEREAS, together we learned that there needs to be better systems for communication and  
22 coordination between the State and local governments; and

23 WHEREAS, together we learned that for local officials to effectively implement State mandates,  
24 a certain level of information must be shared and the earlier local officials are brought into and  
25 kept apprised within the process, the better; and

26 WHEREAS, together we learned that additional work will need to be done to clarify the existing  
27 and necessary powers of local governments to act in a public health emergency; and

28 WHEREAS, together we learned that the capacity of local governments varies significantly  
29 across the State, such that the demands of response are met differently and need different levels  
30 of State support; and

31 WHEREAS, together we learned that collaboration with tribal governments and the tribal health  
32 system are essential for the overall implementation of public health mitigations measures and the  
33 needs of local governments and the State; and

34 WHEREAS, the Governor’s and Legislature’s distribution of a sufficient level of CARES Act  
35 funding was critical to ensuring that local governments were able to manage through this  
36 process, to respond both to public health and economic crisis; and

37 WHEREAS, our approach to CARES Act funding must continue to be done in partnership, such  
38 that as we near the deadline for expenditure, and then through the reporting period, the State and

39 local governments are able to fully justify and account for the costs associated with the  
40 pandemic.

41 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AML appreciates the State's response to the  
42 public health emergency and continued collaboration in support of economic recovery.

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45 SUBMITTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE  
46 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RESOLUTION  
#2020- 11**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING (\$14,049,988) FOR THE STATE  
OF ALASKA MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY  
2022 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET.**

**Whereas**, the Alaska Municipal League recognizes the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska where constructed by the State during the 1960s and 1970s; and

**Whereas**, these harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities; and

**Whereas**, these harbor facilities are ports of refuge and areas for protection for ocean-going vessels and fishermen throughout the State of Alaska, especially in coastal Alaskan communities; and

**Whereas**, the State of Alaska over the past nearly 30 years has transferred ownership of most of these State-owned harbors, many of which were at or near the end of their service life at the time of transfer, to local municipalities; and

**Whereas**, the municipalities took over this important responsibility even though they knew that these same harbor facilities were in poor condition at the time of transfer due to the state's failure to keep up with deferred maintenance; and

**Whereas**, consequently, when local municipal harbormasters formulated their annual harbor facility budgets, they inherited a major financial burden that their local municipal governments could not afford; and

**Whereas**, in response to this financial burden, the Governor and the Alaska Legislature passed legislation in 2006, supported by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, to create the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program, AS 29.60.800; and

**Whereas**, the Alaska Municipal League is pleased with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities administrative process to review, score and rank applicants to the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program, since state funds may be limited; and

**Whereas**, for each harbor facility grant application, these municipalities have committed to invest 100% of the design and permitting costs and 50% of the construction cost; and

**Whereas**, the municipalities of the City of Cordova, City and Borough of Sitka, City and Borough of Juneau, City of Seward, and City of Sand Point have offered to contribute \$14,049,988 in local match funding for FY2022 towards harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

45 **Whereas**, completion of these harbor facility projects is all dependent on the 50% match from  
46 the State of Alaska’s Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program; and  
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48 **Whereas**, during the last ten years the backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace these  
49 former State-owned harbors has increased to over \$100,000,000; and  
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51 **Whereas**, over the past five years, municipal harbors have submitted \$58 million in capital  
52 project match requests, representing over \$116 million in shovel-ready capital projects that  
53 have received only \$16.6 million in funding through the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant  
54 program with zero funding in FY21.  
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56 **Now therefore be it resolved** that the Alaska Municipal League urges full funding by the  
57 Governor and the Alaska Legislature for the State of Alaska’s Municipal Harbor Facility Grant  
58 Program in the FY 2022 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic  
59 prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.  
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61 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ON THE \_\_\_\_\_**  
62 **DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.**  
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65 **Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
66 **President, Alaska Municipal League**  
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69 **Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
70 **Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League**  
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73 Submitted by: Alaska Assoc. of Harbormasters & Port Administrators Contact: Rachel Lord,  
74 Executive Secretary  
75 Phone: 907-435-7209 (cell)

1 ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 12

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN SUPPORT OF AN ALASKA  
6 MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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8 WHEREAS, The Alaska Municipal League supports adequate State funding  
9 for basic public services and infrastructure including transportation projects that can be  
10 used to match or supplement federal funding; and

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12 WHEREAS, An Alaska Multi-Modal Transportation Program would be a single  
13 over-arching program to facilitate the funding of all transportation-related projects in the  
14 State of Alaska with the objective of ensuring that all transportation related projects were  
15 vetted in one program which would reduce redundancies and enhance modal coordination  
16 through a transparent and objective process; and

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18 WHEREAS, The modes addressed would include highways, marine, rail and  
19 aviation and would include all federal and non-federal funding; and

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21 WHEREAS, The program would be established under the Department of  
22 Transportation with a structure akin to that of a metropolitan planning organization with a  
23 Policy Board and a Technical Committee; and


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25 WHEREAS, The make-up of the Policy Board and Technical Committee  
26 would be representative of all regions and modes and technical modal experts and  
27 planners, with representation from state employees, non-state workers, and expert  
28 citizens of the state encouraged to participate; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Program would establish long-term and short-term multi-  
31 modal transportation plans at least every four years through an objective nomination and  
32 evaluation process and create transparency and stability over the current planning  
33 process to ensure that the best mode is funded to satisfy an identified transportation  
34 deficiency.

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36 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League  
37 supports the creation of the Alaska Multi-Modal Transportation Program.

38 SUBMITTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER BY THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR  
39 BOROUGH ASSEMBLY.  
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Christopher Quist  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



April Trickey, CMC  
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1 ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 13

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING  
6 STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR UNORGANIZED BOROUGHS

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8 WHEREAS, The Alaska Municipal League supports the idea of "maximum  
9 local self-government"; and


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11 WHEREAS, Article 10, Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution requires the  
12 Legislature set policy for the establishment, alteration and nature of Boroughs; and

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14 WHEREAS, The legislature has not yet enacted standards and procedures  
15 for the establishment of unorganized boroughs and the lack of such standards and  
16 procedures precludes a meaningful determination of whether an unorganized area has  
17 attained the fiscal and administrative capacity to support areawide functions; and

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19 WHEREAS, if such standards existed, an unorganized area could be signaled  
20 to form an organized borough when it achieved the administrative and fiscal capacity to  
21 support areawide functions.

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23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League  
24 supports establishing standards and regulations for unorganized boroughs.

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26 SUBMITTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER BY THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR  
27 BOROUGH ASSEMBLY.

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## **Elections Process**

This year's business will be conducted differently than in past years, as we accommodate the move to an online platform. Most importantly, we feel confident in the process to ensure vetting of candidates and resolutions, allow for discussion, and provide an opportunity for members to vote.

Each participating member – registered to attend the conference – should be sure to name a representative able to vote on behalf of the city or borough. Each member will have one vote, and the representative will receive voting instructions for using the online ballot at [simplyvoting.com](https://simplyvoting.com).

As you know, AML has implemented bylaw changes and a restructuring of districts as a result of board action to maximize member participation. We're excited about a robust and active board and thank all the candidates. The board's Nominating Committee received nominations up through November 1 and met on November 10<sup>th</sup> to vet candidates. They produced a final slate for member considerations, to be announced at the November 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting. Candidates will be able to make brief statements at the meeting, after which ballots will be distributed to voting delegates. These online ballots should be completed by 5pm on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Committee will announce the results on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at the final business meeting.

We know that this will feel different, but we believe it meets our goals to provide an opportunity for member discussion, the ability to offer amendments, and a voting process that reflects member's interests. We encourage your patience and consideration through this process and appreciate your continued engagement in our active policy development. Remember, if you are interested in contributing to AML's policy and resolutions' development, join our Legislative Committee! That's the best way to be a part of the stance that AML takes on upcoming legislation and policy.

## **BYLAWS**

### **ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE**

*Adopted: November 12, 1991  
Amended: August 3, 1994  
Amended: November 20, 2005  
Amended: August 12, 2009  
Amended: August 15, 2019  
Amended: August 14, 2020*

#### **ARTICLE I Purposes and Objectives**

The purpose of the Alaska Municipal League is as follows:

- a. To safeguard the interests, rights, and privileges of Alaskan municipalities as they may be affected by Federal and State governmental actions.
- b. To secure cooperation among municipalities of the State in a thorough study of local problems and in the application of efficient methods of local government.
- c. To provide means whereby municipal officials may interchange ideas, experiences, and obtain expert advice.

The objectives of the Alaska Municipal League are as follows:

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- c. To gather and circulate information and experience concerning the most approved methods of municipal administration.
- d. To secure general and municipal legislation at the state and federal levels which will be beneficial to the municipalities and inhabitants thereof, and to oppose legislation injurious thereto.
- e. To engage in the study and preparation of uniform ordinances, resolutions, and practices; and to do any and all other things necessary and proper for the benefit of the municipalities of Alaska.
- f. To develop appropriate membership services and programs that strengthen Alaskan local governments' ability to govern their own affairs and improve the well-being and quality of life of their constituents.

#### **ARTICLE II Associate and Affiliate Membership**

**Section 1.** Any unincorporated community, commercial or civic club, educational or government agency, organization, or commercial firm, or individual, interested in the improvement and welfare of municipal government, may be accepted by the Board as an Associate of the League. Associates shall not have a vote.

- Section 2.** Any non-profit association of municipal officials, whose membership may include non-municipal officials, but whose bylaws give majority control of the governing body of the organization to municipal officials within the organization, or any municipal or Rural Education Attendance Area school district (REAA), may be accepted by the Board as an Affiliate.
- Section 3.** Annual fees and dues for each associate and affiliate, respectively, shall be established by the Board of Directors. Failure to pay Affiliate dues or Associate fees shall be cause for cancellation of membership.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Board of Directors**

- Section 1.** The director districts shall include the municipalities listed in Annex I, below. In the case of formation of a new municipality, it shall be included in the district of its closest neighboring municipality.
- Section 2.** A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors. More than one-half (1/2) of the votes, excluding blanks, cast where a quorum is present, shall constitute a majority vote.
- Section 3.** Unless inconsistent with these bylaws or with the Articles of Incorporation, all questions of parliamentary procedure shall be decided according to Roberts' Rules of Order.
- Section 4.** A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall occur when the person holding the office resigns, ceases to hold an elective position in a member municipality, or otherwise becomes unable to perform his or her duties as a Board member.
- Section 5.** The Board may declare an office vacant if the person holding that office fails to attend two (2) consecutive board meetings without receiving prior approval from the President.
- Section 6.** The adoption of any amendment to these bylaws shall not operate to shorten the term of any person previously elected to the board.
- Section 7.** Recognizing and expanding on those organizations explicitly enjoying ex-officio non-voting status under Article VI, Section 1 and 2 of the Articles of Incorporation (Restated), that status includes the following organizations, represented by municipal employees thereof:

Alaska Association of Municipal Attorneys  
Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks  
Alaska Municipal Management Association

Alaska Government Finance Officers Association  
Alaska Association of Assessing Officers  
Alaska Fire Chiefs Association  
Chair(s) of the AML Legislative Committee  
Alaska representative to National Association of Counties  
Alaska representative to National League of Cities

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Officers and Delegates**

- Section 1.** The President presides at all board meetings and at the annual business meeting, represents the Alaska Municipal League in all official capacities, and appoints committees, as provided in these bylaws. The President must have served on the AML board of directors; no president may be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive, full terms.
- Section 2.** The Vice-President chairs the Resolutions Committee, is the Secretary, and performs the duties of the President in the President's absence. The Vice-President shall fill a vacancy in the office of President for the unexpired term. That succession shall not prohibit service for the subsequent full term as President.
- Section 3.** The Treasurer shall serve as an officer of the board and shall chair the Finance Committee. A vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by succession of the Treasurer to that office.
- Section 4.** All officers shall be elected annually during the Annual Business Meeting.
- Section 5.** A vacancy in the office of Treasurer or a delegate to a regional or national organization shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The appointee shall serve until the next annual meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Committees**

- Section 1.** The President shall appoint all special and standing committees, except for the Resolutions committee, which shall be appointed by the Vice-President. The President and Executive Director shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of all committees.
- Section 2.** There shall be a standing Legislative Committee with at least one representative from each director district to develop AML's legislative policies, positions, priorities. The composition, organization and duties of the Committee shall be established by the Board of Directors. However, to be appointed to the

Legislative Committee, the candidate must first provide a written commitment of financial support, as may be required by the Board of Directors.

**Section 3.** The President shall appoint a Nominations and Credentials Committee each year, prior to the annual meeting. The Vice-President shall appoint a Resolutions Committee each year, prior to the annual meeting.

- A. The Nominations and Credentials Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) delegates, at least one of whom shall be a Past President. The committee shall review nominations for each expired or vacant office to determine the qualifications of each nominee for the office for which nominated. The committee shall prepare a slate of candidates consisting of all nominees who meet the qualifications for the office for which the committee shall attempt to obtain sufficient additional qualified nominees to provide a slate of candidates with at least two nominees per office; provided only one nominee need be provided for the office of director of a district that is a single municipality district. Nominees must have a written commitment of financial support from their municipality to qualify as a candidate for office. The Board of Directors may prescribe the type and extent of commitment required. The committee's slate of candidates shall be presented to the President prior to the annual meeting for balloting by the member municipalities voting at the business meeting.
- B. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of eight (8) elected or appointed municipal officials. Each policy statement and resolution accepted by the committee shall be presented at the annual meeting for ratification by a majority vote of the member municipalities voting at the business meeting.

**Section 4.** The President may appoint an Articles and Bylaws Committee. The Committee shall consist of not more than five (5) members appointed at large, to provide for statewide representation. The Committee shall review the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws at the direction of the President and submit its recommended amendments to the Board of Directors at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting.

**Section 5.** There shall exist an Executive Committee, to be comprised of two past presidents, the current president, vice president, and treasurer. In the case of a vacancy in past presidents, the president shall appoint from other past presidents currently serving on the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall serve to consult regularly with the Executive Director, serve in official capacities as needed, and assist in the health and direction of the organization. No formal action can be taken by the Executive Committee.

**Section 6.** No committee may create financial liability unless approved by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Executive Director**

**Section 1.** The Executive Director shall be employed by the Board of Directors and shall serve at the pleasure of said board. The Board shall establish the salary and qualifications of the office. The Executive Director shall serve as manager and be in charge of the League office, shall have custody of, and be responsible for, all records, papers, and documents of the League, serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of all committees, serve notice of meetings, and keep an accurate record of all proceedings of League activities at the annual meeting. The Executive Director may fill other League positions, as established by the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Annual and Special Meetings of the League**

**Section 1.** The Executive Director shall send a sixty (60) day notice of the time and place of the annual meeting.

**Section 2.** A quorum for the annual meeting shall be established at the opening session. A simple majority of the member municipalities which have registered by the beginning of the Opening Session shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

**Section 3.** There shall be no limit upon the number of delegates to be sent by any member municipality to the meeting of the League. All delegates may be heard in debate. Questions shall be decided by vote, unless any member municipality shall require a roll call vote. When a roll call vote is taken, each member municipality is entitled to only one (1) vote. Each delegation shall select one of its registered delegates as chairman to express or record its vote. Any delegate attending a meeting may vote. No member may vote by proxy.

**Section 4.** The order of business at the business session of the annual meeting shall be:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Annual report of the President
4. Annual report of the Executive Director
5. Reports of committees
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Election of officers and board of directors

- Section 5.** Nominations for officers, directors and delegates to regional and national organizations shall be made by a nomination and credentials committee of five (5) elected municipal officials of member chosen by the President by the end of the first day of the annual conference. Elections shall be on the last day of the session. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Presidents shall be chosen from different director districts as those districts are set out in the bylaws.
- Section 6.** Unless inconsistent with these Bylaws or with the Articles of Incorporation, all questions of parliamentary procedure shall be decided according to Roberts' Rules of Order.
- Section 7.** Special meetings of the League may be called by the President or the majority of the Board of Directors at any given time by giving notice to the city clerk of each member municipality at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Finances**

- Section 1.** The fiscal year of the League shall be from July 1 to June 30.
- Section 2.** The Executive Director shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors for approval, an annual budget at least two (2) weeks prior to the last regular meeting of the board, prior to the current fiscal year. The Executive Director shall collect and disburse all monies of the League, keep its accounts which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall have the authority to sign all checks, drafts, notes, warrants, and all orders for the payment of money, consistent with the approved budget.
- Section 3.** There shall be an annual audit, conducted by an independent firm engaged by the Board.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendments**

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws and amendments thereto. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all directors present at a meeting in which a quorum is present. The Bylaws may contain provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the League not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Incorporation. Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members voting at an annual or special meeting, and when so amended the Board of Directors shall take no action by way of further amendment or revocation of Bylaws or a provision thereof, that is contrary to such amendment.

**High Population (over 80,000) – Dedicated Seats**

- Municipality of Anchorage
- Mat Su Borough
- Fairbanks North Star Borough

**Boroughs – two seats (or can run in District election, if nominated)**

- Ketchikan Gateway Borough (1)
- Kodiak Island Borough (2)
- Kenai Peninsula Borough (3)
- Denali Borough (5)
- Northwest Arctic Borough (6)
- North Slope Borough (6)
- Aleutians East Borough (9)
- Lake and Peninsula Borough (9)
- Bristol Bay Borough (9)
- Petersburg Borough (1)

**City/Borough – one seat (or can run in District election, if nominated)**

- City & Borough of Sitka (1)
- City & Borough of Wrangell (1)
- Haines Borough (1)
- City & Borough of Juneau (1)
- Municipality of Skagway (1)
- City and Borough of Yakutat (2)

**District 1 – Southeast**

- City of Coffman Cove
- City of Craig
- City of Hoonah
- City of Hydaburg
- City of Kake
- City of Kasaan
- City of Ketchikan
- City of Klawock
- City of Kupreanof
- Metlakatla Indian Association
- City of Pelican
- City of Port Alexander
- City of Saxman
- City of Thorne Bay
- City of Tenakee Springs
- City of Angoon
- City of Gustavus

**District 2 – PWS/Kodiak**

- City of Akhiok
- City of Cordova
- City of Ouzinkie
- City of Old Harbor
- City of Port Lions
- City of Kodiak
- City of Valdez
- City of Whittier

**District 3 – Kenai**

- City of Homer
- City of Kachemak
- City of Kenai
- City of Seldovia
- City of Seward
- City of Soldotna

**District 4 – Mat Su**

- City of Houston
- City of Palmer
- City of Wasilla

**District 5 - Interior**

- City of Allakaket
- City of Anderson
- City of Bettles
- City of Delta Junction
- City of Eagle
- City of Fairbanks



- City of Fort Yukon
- City of Galena
- City of Hughes
- City of Huslia
- City of McGrath

- City of Nenana
- City of North Pole
- City of Ruby
- City of Tanana

#### **District 6 – North**

- City of Ambler
- City of Buckland
- City of Deering
- City of Kiana
- City of Kivalina
- City of Kotzebue
- City of Kobuk
- City of Noorvik
- City of Selawik

- City of Shungnak
- City of Atkasuk
- City of Anaktuvuk Pass
- City of Kaktovik
- City of Nuiqsut
- City of Point Hope
- City of Wainwright
- City of Utqiagvik

#### **District 7 - West**

- City of Brevig Mission
- City of Diomede
- City of Elim
- City of Gambell
- City of Golovin
- City of Koyuk
- City of Nome
- City of Nulato

- City of Savoonga
- City of Shakttoolik
- City of Shishmaref
- City of Teller
- City of Unalakleet
- City of Wales
- City of White Mountain

#### **District 8 - YK**

- City of Alakanuk
- City of Aniak
- City of Anvik
- City of Bethel
- City of Chefornak
- City of Chevak
- City of Chuathbaluk
- City of Eek
- City of Emmonak
- City of Grayling
- City of Holy Cross
- City of Hooper Bay
- City of Kaltag
- City of Kotlik
- City of Koyukuk
- City of Kwethluk
- City of Lower Kalskag
- City of Marshall

- City of Mekoryuk
- City of Mountain Village
- City of Napakiak
- City of Napaskiak
- City of Nightmute
- City of Nikolai
- City of Nunam Iqua
- City of Nunapitchuk
- City of Pilot Station
- City of Platinum
- City of Quinhagak
- City of Russian Mission
- City of Saint Mary's
- City of Saint Michael
- City of Scammon Bay
- City of Shageluk
- City of Stebbins
- City of Toksook Bay

- City of Upper Kalskag

**District 9 – Aleutians/Bristol Bay**

- City of Adak
- City of Akutan
- City of Aleknagik
- City of Atka
- City of Chignik
- City of Clark’s Point
- City of Cold Bay
- City of Dillingham
- City of Egegik
- City of Ekwok
- City of False Pass
- City of Goodnews Bay
- City of King Cove
- City of Larsen Bay
- City of Manokotak
- City of Newhalen
- City of New Stuyahok
- City of Nondalton
- City of Pilot Point
- City of Point Heiden
- City of Sand Point
- City of Saint Paul
- City of Saint George
- City of Togiak
- City of Unalaska

## **RESTATED**

### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

#### **Alaska Municipal League**

The undersigned hereby certify that these restated articles of incorporation correctly set out the provisions of the articles of incorporation as amended, and have been adopted as required by law. These restated articles supercede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto.

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation is the Alaska Municipal League.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **Purposes and Objectives**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

- (a) To perpetuate and develop the League as an agency for the cooperation of municipalities in the state of Alaska for the practical study of municipal affairs.
- (b) To promote application of the best methods in all branches of municipal service by holding at least one conference annually for the discussion of problems of administration.
- (c) To gather and circulate information and experience concerning the most approved methods of municipal administration.
- (d) To secure general and municipal legislation at the state and federal levels which will be beneficial to the municipalities and inhabitants thereof, and to oppose legislation injurious thereto.
- (e) To safeguard the interests, rights and privileges of Alaskan municipalities as they may be affected by Federal and State governmental actions.
- (f) To secure cooperation among municipalities of the State in a thorough study of local problems and in the application of efficient methods of local government.
- (g) To provide means whereby municipal officials may interchange ideas, experiences, and obtain expert advice.
- (h) To engage in the study and preparation of uniform ordinances, resolutions, and practices; and to do any and all other things necessary and proper for the benefit of the municipalities of Alaska.
- (i) To develop appropriate membership services and programs that strengthen Alaskan local governments' ability to govern their own affairs and improve the well being and quality of life of their constituents.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Principal Office**

The principal office of the corporation is in Juneau, Alaska.

### **ARTICLE IV**

The period of the corporation's duration is perpetual.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Membership**

Any incorporated Alaska municipality or federally incorporated community shall be eligible for membership in this League. Associate membership may be provided for in the Bylaws. When any municipality becomes a member of the League, any official of such municipality may be selected by its governing body or chief executive officer (municipal manager level) as a delegate to any meeting of the League. Any member municipality which shall be in arrears for more than one year's dues shall be stricken from the roll of the League until its dues shall be paid in full. Any member City or Borough may withdraw from the League after thirty (30) days written notice thereof is given to the Executive Director.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Board of Directors and Officers**

Section 1. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Immediate Past President, up to five (5) past presidents, and eleven (11) additional Directors elected in accordance with Article VI, Section 5 below and the President of the Alaska Conference of Mayors. If there are more than five eligible Past Presidents, the positions shall be filled by the five most recent Past Presidents who are eligible. The Board of Directors shall exercise supervision over all the affairs of the organization. Elected Board members shall be mayors or elected members of the governing body of their municipality.

Section 2. The Alaska Association of Municipal Attorneys, the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks, the Alaska Municipal Management Association, the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association, Chair of the AML Legislative Committee, and Alaska Board of Directors members of the National Association of Counties and the National League of Cities shall enjoy ex-officio nonvoting status on the Board of Directors. Their seats shall be filled by their respective associations at the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Municipal League. Their attendance shall not count for a quorum. The Board of Directors may by motion add or remove ex-officio nonvoting members of the Board

Section 3. Officers: The officers of this organizations shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Immediate Past President. The First Vice President shall be the Secretary/Treasurer

Section 4. Term of Office: The terms of office for the President and Vice Presidents shall be one (1) year. Except as provided in Section 4, the terms of a district director shall be two (2) years. The term of director elected at large shall be one (1) year. The term of office of a Past President shall continue until replaced by a more recent Past President or until no longer eligible to serve.

Section 5. Director Districts: Ten of the directors shall be elected from numbered geographic districts as set out in the Bylaws, with one director to be elected from each district and one director at large.

The terms of the directors office elected to even numbered districts shall end in even numbered years, and the terms of directors elected to odd numbered districts shall end in odd numbered years. The term of the director at large shall be one year.

Section 6. Vacancies: Any vacancy in office shall be filled by appointment by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and any exception and any other provision for the Bylaws; however, if the vacancy occurs within forty-five (45) days before the annual meeting, the vacancy shall be filled by election. Appointments by the President shall be effective until a successor takes office at the next annual meeting the President shall fill a vacancy with a person from the same district.

Section 7. Compensation: The Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services, but by Board of Directors resolution the Board members may receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Section 8. Limitation of Expenditures: The Board of Directors may not incur indebtedness in excess of the estimated revenues, including prior year fund balance, unless otherwise authorized by a majority vote of all municipalities voting in an annual or special meeting of the League. This limitation shall not necessarily apply to affiliated entities, such as the AML/JIA, that are governed by an independent Board or Directors or Trustees, and which have budgets, sources of revenue and liabilities independent of the Alaska Municipal League.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Annual Meeting**

An annual meeting of the League shall be held each year at a time and place to be determined by the by the Board of Directors. The program of the annual meeting shall be arranged by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. Immediately prior to election of officers at the annual business meeting, the President shall vacate the office and succession of officers as provided for in the Bylaws shall take place. Nominations for Second Vice President and Directors shall be made by resolution by the governing body or in writing by the mayor, of a member municipality. The Board of Directors may prescribe the form and content of nominations and the date by which nominations must be received. There shall be no limit upon the number of delegates to be sent by any member municipality to a meeting of the League. All delegates may be heard in debate. Each member municipality is entitled to only one vote in the annual business meeting. No member may vote by proxy.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Dues**

The annual dues to each member municipality shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall be based on the population within the municipality as determined annually by the appropriate agency of the State of Alaska. The dues shall be payable on the first day of January for that year. The League may prorate the annual dues of municipalities that join the League for a partial year.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to the State of Alaska or to a local government body of the State of Alaska for use exclusively for public purposes, or to a nonprofit foundational corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section S01(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and Section 237091 -d of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Upon the dissolution of the Alaska Municipal League, the disposition of net proceeds from charitable gaming conducted under AS 05.15 will go to a permittee, other than a multiple-beneficiary permittee. If this corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Superior Court of the Judicial District in which this corporation's principal office is located upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Nonpartisan**

The League shall always be nonpartisan in its organization and in the conduct of its affairs. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer to suppress the discussion of partisan politics and to

suppress efforts to make a personal or political attack upon any official or any member of this League.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Bylaws**

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws and amendments thereto. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all directors present at a meeting in which a quorum is present. The Bylaws may contain provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the League not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Incorporation. Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members voting at an annual or special meeting, and when so amended the Board of Directors shall take no action by way of further amendment or revocation of Bylaws or an provision thereof, that is contrary to such amendment.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at the annual meeting or special meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all municipalities voting, provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing and read to the delegates on the first day of the meeting. Any amendment approved by the membership shall become effective immediately prior to succession/election of officers at an annual meeting or upon the adjournment of a special meeting at which the amendment was approved, unless otherwise specified in the amendment. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation proposed and approved by the Board of Directors shall be mailed to each member municipality at least (30) days prior to the annual meeting or special meeting at which the amendments are to be considered.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Limitation of Liability**

No member of the Board of Directors shall be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for the breach of fiduciary duty as a director. Nothing in these Articles shall be construed as eliminating or limiting the liability of a director for a breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the corporation; for any act or omission not in good faith that involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; or for a transaction from which the director, officer or former director or officer of the League, or a person who has served at its request as a director or officer of another corporation in which it owns shares of capital stock or of which it is a creditor, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal, in which that person is made a party by reason of being or having been a director or officer, except in relation to matters in which that person was adjudged, in the action, suit or proceeding, to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of corporate duties, and may make any other indemnification as may be authorized by the League pursuant to its Bylaws or resolution adopted after notice to the members entitled to vote, not inconsistent herewith, or contrary to state law. The Board of Directors may establish policies and procedures for the implementation of this Article.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
Initial Registered Agent

As originally stated.

**ARTICLE XV**  
Initial Directors

As originally stated.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
Incorporators

As originally stated.

DATED at Homer, Alaska on this 9th day of September, 1994.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska on this 20th day of November, 2005

**DATED at Anchorage, Alaska on the 21st day of November, 2014**

John Torgerson (signature)  
President

Donald Long (Signature)  
Secretary

Acknowledgement

State of Alaska Municipal League

First Judicial District

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of September, 1994 personally appeared before me the foregoing people who have signed the above signatures, who being duly sworn severally declared that they are the persons who signed the foregoing document and that the statements therein contained are true.

Lejane Ferguson (signature)  
Notary Public, State of Alaska  
My Commission Expires: 1-20-95