

**Alaska Municipal League
Resolution 2021-10**

In appreciation for the State's response to COVID-19, the public health emergency and economic crisis.

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

Whereas, the State's early and robust action early resulted in effectively managing the spread, flattening the curve, and giving the public health and medical community the time necessary to prepare; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whether, together we have learned that second class boroughs do not have health powers and are at a disadvantage in terms of implementing mitigation strategies; and

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

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

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

Now, therefore be it resolved that AML appreciates the State's response to the public health emergency and continued collaboration in support of economic recovery.

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