

Resolution of the Alaska Municipal League

Resolution #2022-02

A Resolution commending delegates of the Conference of Young Alaskans and encouraging consideration of their Resolution packet

WHEREAS, the Alaska Municipal League's mission is to strengthen local governments and as part of its strategic plan recognizes the need to foster the next generation of municipal leadership; and

WHEREAS, AML this year hosted the Conference of Young Alaskans, the fourth such over the last 20 years, and the first focused on municipal government; and

WHEREAS, COYA was attended by nearly 40 young Alaskans, ages 16-25, representing more than a dozen communities; and

WHEREAS, COYA delegates represent Alaska's best and brightest, and clearly demonstrated enthusiasm for and commitment to Alaska's future; and

WHEREAS, COYA delegates spent four days learning about topics relevant to Alaska's local governments and hearing from municipal officials and subject matter experts; and

WHEREAS, over their time together they were tasked with producing a vision and goals for Alaska's local governments, and developing resolutions in support; and

WHEREAS, COYA vision statements may provide inspiration to AML members, inasmuch as COYA delegates envision an Alaska where:

- Environmental and public health, creativity, and intergenerational resilience are perpetually fostered within communities and supported by local and tribal governments; and
- Public safety departments and services work together to promote an environment representative of the diverse communities and cultures across Alaska, ensure the safety and livelihood of all people, and adapt to and meet the needs of local communities; and
- Alaskans thrive in accessible, safe communities where we see ourselves in representative local governments and in education curricula that are rooted in Indigenous values and histories and reflect Alaskans of all races, genders, and abilities; and
- Education curricula include accurate Alaska Native histories that are culturally-competent and trauma-informed from pre-kindergarten through university; and
- Municipal governments shall have successfully invested in and supported the diversification of their economies; and
- Infrastructure and public utilities will serve the basic needs of all Alaska communities and transition to an equitable, climate-adaptive, energy-efficient framework with a long-term plan for maintenance, consumer representation, sustainable funding, connectivity, and innovation
- Local and Tribal governments collaborate in just transition to create and build long lasting climate resiliency; and
- Communities across Alaska shall know what it takes and have access to the resources to be healthy, safe, and fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, delegates produced 24 resolutions that vary in scale and scope, but which may serve as potential actions at the local level; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League issues a commendation of appreciation to delegates of the 2021 Conference of Young Alaskans, and encourages and promotes further engagement within AML and its membership of young Alaska leaders; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that AML commends to all members consideration of the resolutions produced by Conference delegates, adapting and adopting as possible and relevant to the work of municipal governments in Alaska, and that these be shared as well with State and Federal elected officials.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ON THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

Signed: 

President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: 

Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League