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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 45

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ASSEMBLY POSITIONS ON ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE’S (AML) 2021 RESOLUTIONS AND POLICY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough is a member of the Alaska Municipal League “AML”; and

WHEREAS, AML is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide organization of approximately 160 cities, boroughs, and unified municipalities, representing over 98 percent of Alaska’s municipalities; and

WHEREAS, At its 2020 annual meeting held in November, AML is considering and taking a position on its numerous resolutions and policy statements sponsored both by AML and member municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough’s positions on Alaska Municipal League’s draft 2021 Resolutions and Policy Statements are as follows:

AML RESOLUTION #01-2021 – On Legislative Coordination. A Resolution in support of a legislative process that recognizes local governments as inherent partners in the delivery of State objectives.

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AML RESOLUTION #02-2021 – On Mandatory Exemptions. A Resolution requesting that the Legislature review and make optional exemptions that are more appropriately decided at the local level.

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AML RESOLUTION #03-2021 – On a Sustainable Draw. A Resolution in support for State policy and budget development that reflects a sustainable draw from the Permanent Fund’s Earnings Reserve.

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40 AML RESOLUTION #04-2021 – On Power Cost Equalization (PCE). A  
41 Resolution recommending the transfer of PCE endowment assets and distribution  
42 responsibilities outside the State’s management and the Legislature’s appropriating  
43 authority.

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44 AML RESOLUTION #05-2021 – On Education Funding. A Resolution  
45 encouraging collaboration that fosters new approaches to public education, and sufficient  
46 and consistent funding.  
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48 AML RESOLUTION #06-2021 – On Public Health. A Resolution supporting a  
49 statewide comprehensive Alaska health initiative  
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51 AML RESOLUTION #07-2021 – Local Emergency Preparedness. A  
52 Resolution requesting renewed State support and increased funding for local emergency  
53 planning committees and preparedness.  
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55 AML RESOLUTION #08-2021 – On Fiscal Policy. A Resolution in support of  
56 a balanced approach to addressing the State of Alaska’s deficit and continuing fiscal  
57 challenges.  
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59 AML RESOLUTION #09-2021 – On Public Safety. A Resolution in support of  
60 increased funding for community and regional jails, and a base level of funding for Village  
61 Police Officers.  
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63 AML RESOLUTION #10-2021 – COVID Response. A Resolution in  
64 appreciation for the State’s response to COVID-19, the public health emergency and  
65 economic crisis.  
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68 CONDITION: An amendment to AML Resolution 10-2021 as follows:

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70 Insert a whereas clause after Line 28 to read “Whereas, second class  
71 boroughs do not have health powers and are at a disadvantage in terms of implementing  
72 mitigation strategies, which has not been recognized by the State; and”

73 Proposed Resolution from Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port  
74 Administrators. A Resolution in support of full funding (\$14,049,988) for the State of  
75 Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2022 State Capital Budget.

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### AML POLICY STATEMENTS

79 Municipal Governance (Title 29). Support increased capacity within and  
80 professionalization of State tax assessment. Support improvements to records retention,  
81 public records access, and public notice. Support issuance of a municipal impact fiscal  
82 note within proposed legislation.

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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.

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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" payments over  
22%, or any other changes that haven't been negotiated and agreed to by municipalities.

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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.

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Public Safety. Increase tools available for public safety official recruitment  
and retention. Support and strengthen the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program.  
Support state efforts to decrease access to and impacts from opioids. Oppose any  
reduction in 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

107 development planning, including local economic diversification and small business  
108 development strategies.

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

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

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128 Energy. Support for vetting of and investing in energy projects, processes  
129 and programs that decrease energy costs.

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131 Transportation. Support State investment that can be used to match or  
132 supplement federal funding. Support increases to the State capital budget. Support a  
133 sustainable ferry system that continues basic, year-round, ferry service to coastal  
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136 Minerals. Support responsible resource development and the reduction of  
137 investment barriers alongside improved environmental risk management.

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139 Water, Wastewater and Sanitation. Support increased State investment in  
140 maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. Support reinstatement of the Municipal

141 Matching Grant program to help municipalities match or supplement local and federal  
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ADOPTED THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

  
Mindy O'Neall  
Deputy Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
April Trickey, CMC  
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Lyke, Sanford, Cooper, Williams, O'Neall  
Noes: Wilson, Lojewski, Cash, Tomaszewski