

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 –

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ASSEMBLY POSITIONS ON ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE’S (AML) 2022 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, borough, and unified municipalities, representing over 98 percent of Alaska’s municipalities; and

WHEREAS, At its 2021 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 position on Alaska Municipal League’s draft 2022 Resolutions and Policy Statements are as follows:

AML RESOLUTION #2022-01. A Resolution in support of State recognition of Federally Recognized Tribes.

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29 AML RESOLUTION #2022-02. A Resolution commending delegates of the
30 Conference of Young Alaskans and encouraging consideration of their Resolution packet.

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32 AML RESOLUTION #2022-03. A Resolution expressing concern in the
33 consideration of a Constitutional Convention, and taking an active role in educating the
34 public and policy makers about its potential impact.

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36 **AML POLICY STATEMENTS**

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

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43 Community Assistance and Revenue Sharing. Support a baseline floor of
44 \$60 million annually, and encourage a long-term, sustainable solution. Support a method
45 to waive debt, forgive loans, or otherwise bolster "stressed" communities.

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47 PERS/TRS Changes. Support amendments to termination studies and
48 penalties for leaving PERS/TRS. Support the development of a pathway to decrease
49 overall unfunded liability. Oppose any cost shift of the State "on behalf" payments over
50 22%, or any other changes that haven't been negotiated and agreed to by municipalities.

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

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57 Public Safety. Increase tools available for public safety official recruitment
58 and retention. Support and strengthen the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program.
59 Support state efforts to decrease access to and impacts from opioids. Increase state
60 funding of community jails. Fund the administrative costs of municipal hosting of E911
61 systems.

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63 Economic Development. Support increased investment in infrastructure
64 development, which facilitates economic growth. Support increased investment in training
65 and workforce development. Support state responsiveness to local economic
66 development planning, including local economic diversification and small business
67 development strategies.

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69 Education. Support early childhood education, career and technical
70 education, and preparing, attracting and retaining qualified educators. Support for
71 accountability and assessment that meets federal requirements and maximizes local
72 control. Oppose any reduction in school funding and support investment in infrastructure
73 and deferred maintenance. Support amendments to the funding formula removing
74 penalties for consolidation of school facilities within a district. Oppose forced consolidation
75 of school districts. Oppose the elimination of the school bond debt reimbursement
76 program, and any reductions to previous reimbursement commitments. Support a

77 sustainable university system capable of delivering educational opportunities, workforce
78 development, and credible research.

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

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

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91 Transportation. Support State investment that can be used to match or
92 supplement federal funding. Support increases to the State capital budget, including
93 through a mechanism such as general obligation bonds. Support a sustainable ferry
94 system that continues basic, year-round, ferry service to coastal communities.

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

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99 Water, Wastewater and Sanitation. Support increased State investment in
100 maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. Support reinstatement of the Municipal
101 Matching Grant program to help municipalities match or supplement local and federal
102 funding.

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