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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2009-123**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF
THE ANCHORAGE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CHARACTERIZATION OF SOUTH ANCHORAGE POLLUTANTS ENTERING
TURNAGAIN ARM COASTAL ZONE PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District is an authorized entity of the State within the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District has a reputation of professional, cost-effective, community and results-oriented project management; and

WHEREAS homeowners and regulators have been unable to determine with certainty the source of nitrate, phosphate and fecal coliform bacteria levels in Anchorage area wells and surface water, and this uncertainty as to source is resulting in regulatory requirements that may not improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking funding to commission a detailed, scientific study of South Anchorage pollutants, specifically Fecal Coliform Bacteria, Nitrates, Phosphates, and Ortho-Phosphates; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Waterways Council and the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation are supportive of the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District's project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will aid in determining the probable source of such pollutants based on science, accurate analysis, and documentation of South Anchorage pollutants entering Turnagain Arm; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District will publish a report of all information gleaned from this process, and associated GIS mapping, to aid and promote efficient planning, and assist Anchorage homeowners and regulators to identify efficient corrective action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED that the Anchorage Assembly supports initiation of the Characterization of South Anchorage Pollutants Entering Turnagain Arm Coastal Zone Project by the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk