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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE
CAPITAL BUDGET AS PASSED BY THE 26TH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE,
SECOND SESSION.**

WHEREAS, as recently passed by the 26th Alaska State Legislature, Second Session, the capital budget is presently before Governor Sean Parnell for consideration, signature and passage into law; and

WHEREAS, as reported recently in the Juneau Empire and a press release from the Governor's Office, Governor Sean Parnell has expressed concern about the size of the capital budget, has called it "unsustainable", and has affirmed his commitment to a reasonable budget which may include vetoes; and

WHEREAS, many of these capital projects within the Municipality of Anchorage, benefit local residents by rehabilitating neighborhood streets and expanding roads, renovating libraries, parks, schools and fire stations; and

WHEREAS, some of these capital projects within the Municipality of Anchorage, benefit all Alaskans such as funding to build Dena'ina House and to relocate and expand Covenant House, an important at-risk youth transition home to assist homeless teens, and expand training projects at Covenant House, Seeds of Change and Shiloh Development Corporation, to relocate and expand Blood Bank of Alaska and Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, and a statewide crime lab, and a needed Medicare Clinic effort to relieve the shortage of medical coverage for Medicare recipients; and

WHEREAS, these capital projects include:

- A Crime Lab, owned by the state, for the benefit for all Alaskans, and located in Anchorage
- Intergovernmental Data Center
- Expansion of the Port of Anchorage
- Renovation of Huffman Fire Station 9 and rebuilding Muldoon Fire Station 6
- A new sports arena for University of Alaska Anchorage which will go before voters in the fall as a bond proposal

- 1 • Reconstruction and upgrades to Loussac Library, Fairview and Spenard
2 Recreation Centers, Sullivan Arena, Dempsey Anderson and Ben Boeke
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- 4 • For roads and buses; expand the bus system fleet and replace old buses,
5 rehabilitate and upgrade Little Tree Street, Cindylee Lane, Huffman Road,
6 Golden View Drive, Johns Road, Eagle River Road, a portion of 35th Avenue
7 between Wisconsin Street and Spenard Road, and extend 100th
8 Avenue from Minnesota Drive to C Street; and
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- 10 • Library chairs at Stellar Secondary School
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- 12 • Renovation of Service High School, as requested by the Department
13 of Education
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- 15 • Lockers at Mears Middle School
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- 17 • Lighting the sports complex at Dimond High School, as requested by the
18 Dimond High School Alumni Foundation
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20 WHEREAS, with every dollar of state funding for these capital projects, residents'
21 property taxes will not need to be increased; and
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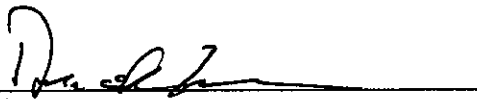
23 WHEREAS, just in time for the upcoming construction season, these capital projects
24 will create jobs and reduce Alaska's 8.5 percent unemployment rate; and
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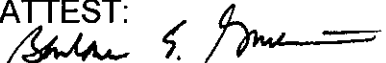
26 WHEREAS, all of the capital projects within the Municipality of Anchorage comprise
27 only 18% of the capital budget (including federal money); and
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29 WHEREAS, over 41.97% of Alaska's population resides within the Municipality of
30 Anchorage; and
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32 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly respectfully requests that when
33 reviewing the capital budget, Governor Sean Parnell does not strike or veto capital projects
34 designated for Anchorage, and instead seeks to ensure that the approved capital budget
35 reflects and acknowledges the unique status of Anchorage as a service center for the entire
36 state, and a metropolitan area for nearly 42% of the entire state population.
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38 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27th day of
39 April, 2010.
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44 Chair

43 ATTEST:
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