ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

RESOLUTION #2010-01

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE MARINE ADVISORY PROGRAM IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA'S DRAFT FY11 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST TO THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska's Marine Advisory Program (MAP) has served coastal Alaskans for over 40 years as the state's marine extension program; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Advisory Program works with coastal communities on issues of critical importance, including economic development of fisheries, seafood processing, tourism, shellfish farming, and other businesses with the intent of keeping our communities economically strong; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Advisory Program works with the youth and adults of our coastal communities on expanding educational opportunities, building workforce capacity and enhancing participation by local residents in the public process; and

WHEREAS, in many coastal communities, Marine Advisory Program agents are the face of the University of Alaska and link residents to University resources and relevant research; and

WHEREAS, Marine Advisory Program agents are located in 10 coastal communities around the state, but offices in Nome, Dillingham, Unalaska, Cordova, Petersburg and Kodiak do not have University funds to sustain them and could be closed due to lack of funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Conference of Mayors encourages Governor Parnell to support the budget request for the MAP positions that are currently in the University of Alaska's FY11 Operating Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Conference of Mayors encourages the Alaska State Legislature to support this funding request of $641,000 to sustain these six Marine Advisory Program offices on a permanent basis.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Conference of Mayors on this 17th day of November, 2009.
Signed: [Signature]
Mayor Bruce Botelho, President, Alaska Conference of Mayors

Attest: [Signature]
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League