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Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2002 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Mayor wish to continue to develop
a strong working relationship with both the Legislature and the Governor to
emphasize issues based in Anchorage of local, regional, and statewide
significance;

WHEREAS, Alaska's basic capital infrastructure needs have not been addressed
in a meaningful way since Project 80s;

WHEREAS, Anchorage represents 41.7% of the State's population and serves
as a regional and statewide center for health care, social services, and cultural
and recreational services;

WHEREAS, Anchorage needs to receive adequate funding for its public services
and critical programs;

WHEREAS, a stable revenue base is critical to the financial well being of Alaska
communities;

WHEREAS, steady economic development can be attained through the use of
innovative financing tools;

WHEREAS, an effective public safety program is vital to the health and well
being of Anchorage residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage has developed an overall Legislative
Program based on the following guidelines and criteria:

The Municipality supports legislation that provides a stable revenue source
for local governments to help minimize local taxes.

The Municipality supports the continuation of state grant programs that
help municipalities leverage limited resources for worthwhile projects,
including the 70/30 Matching Grant Program and the Alaska Department
of Environmental Conservation 50/50 Matching Grant Program.

1 The Municipality intends to request State capital grants that reflect one or
2 more of the following criteria:

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4 Projects that are part of a program providing benefits to
5 substantially all of Anchorage.

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7 Projects that emphasize public safety and health.

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9 Projects that will provide our city's youth with positive recreational
10 opportunities/alternatives that, in turn may help to reduce juvenile
11 crime.

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13 Projects expected to produce new long-term positive economic
14 results and strengthen Anchorage's economic base.

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16 Projects that either reduce or do not increase operations and
17 maintenance costs.

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19 Projects that address State/Federal mandates, such as the
20 Americans for Disability Act.

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22 The Municipality supports legislation to provide adequate state funding to
23 local governments for state mandated programs/services.

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25 The Municipality opposes transfers of responsibilities or mandates without
26 appropriate funding.

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28 The Municipality intends to oppose any new or increased State taxes that
29 unfairly impact Anchorage and its residents.

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31 The Municipality intends to oppose any new legislation that unnecessarily
32 impairs the ability of local government to operate effectively and
33 efficiently.


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35 The Municipality will request fair and equitable treatment with regards to
36 State FY 2003 funding decisions.

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38 The Municipality intends to support legislative changes that clarify and
39 refine existing Alaska Statutes that will enhance the ability of local
40 government to promote sound economic development.

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42 The Municipality intends to continue to support legislation that will allow
43 the Municipality and State to more effectively deliver police, fire and
44 emergency medical services in Anchorage.

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46 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly
47 adopts the 2002 Municipality of Anchorage Legislative Program.
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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 18th day of
December, 2001.


Chairman

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk