

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2003-160

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REQUESTING AND URGING THE  
2 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TO SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
3 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 210 PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATION BETWEEN  
4 THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE, THE  
5 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THAT ACTION, AND THE  
6 CLIENTS SERVED BY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO THE WORKFORCE  
7 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

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10 WHEREAS the Municipality of Anchorage has successful federally funded workforce  
11 development programs in the Anchorage/Mat-Su Workforce Investment Area for nearly  
12 twenty five years; and

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14 WHEREAS, SB 192, an Act Relating to Teachers and Training Programs in the  
15 Department of Labor and Workforce Development was modified late in the legislative  
16 session to include provisions affecting how certain workforce development services are to  
17 be delivered in Alaska, which amendments were made with little public scrutiny or  
18 comment; and

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20 WHEREAS, within hours after enactment of SB 192, the Governor signed  
21 Administrative Order No. 210 which designates the State of Alaska as a single state  
22 workforce investment area, making the Alaska Workforce Investment Board the State's  
23 sole workforce investment board, and authorizes the State Board to assume local  
24 responsibilities under the Workforce Investment Act; and

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26 WHEREAS, within 48 hours after issue of Order No. 210, and as a direct result of  
27 that Order, some twenty-four municipal employees assigned to the Anchorage Workforce  
28 Investment Program (WIP) were given lay-off notices, effective July 1, 2003; and

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30 WHEREAS; a detailed, written statement of the cost savings and administrative  
31 efficiencies the State seeks through implementation of Order 210 was not made available  
32 to or in the hands of local officials before the Order was issued; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Mayor's statements to the Assembly on April 20, 2003, caused  
35 members to believe that transfer of the local WIP to the State would not be made before  
36 the Assembly heard a resolution opposing that action; the Assembly was not told by the  
37 Mayor or his staff that Order 210 had already been issued earlier that same day; the Mayor  
38 did not inform the Assembly that transfer of the Anchorage program to the State would  
39 result in loss of some twenty-five municipal jobs; and the Assembly relied on the Mayor's  
40 statements in postponing action on a resolution opposing transfer of the program to the  
41 State; and

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43 WHEREAS, municipal employees and their union are greatly concerned to learn  
44 that because of substantial federal budget cuts, only a portion of the municipal employees  
45 involved would be offered employment with the State of Alaska after July 1, 2003, leaving  
46 inadequate time for the municipal employees affected by the Order to transfer to other  
47 municipal employment or obtain employment with the State; and

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49 WHEREAS,, on May 30, 2003, local officials stated that meaningful and informative  
50 consultation between State and local officials, employees, and clients did not take place  
51 before Order No. 210 was issued; and,  
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1 WHEREAS, transfer of the Anchorage program to the State under Order No. 210  
2 was accomplished without meaningful consultation with Anchorage's Mayor-Elect or his  
3 staff; and

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5 WHEREAS; legislation now pending in Congress would not permit elimination of  
6 local Workforce Investment Programs in the manner accomplished by Administrative Order  
7 No. 210; and

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9 WHEREAS, the State has issued for public comment before June 12, 2003, a draft  
10 "Alaska Unified Plan Modification I" that amends the current State plan for Workforce  
11 Investment Programs to provide for a single state-wide work force investment area  
12 governed by a single state-wide board; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development on May 30,  
15 2003, indicated his willingness to consider delay in implementation of the Order pending  
16 further consultation with local officials responsible for the Anchorage WIP;

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18 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that:

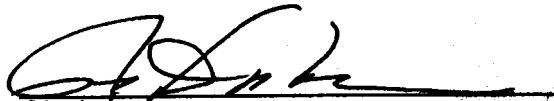
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20 Section 1. The Assembly requests and urges the Governor of the State of Alaska  
21 to suspend implementation of Administrative Order No. 210 until December 31, 2003,  
22 pending further consultation between the State Administration and the Municipality of  
23 Anchorage, the municipal employees who will be affected by that action, and the clients  
24 served by municipal employees assigned to the Workforce Development Program.

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26 Section 2. The Assembly authorizes the Chair to write the Secretary of Labor and  
27 such other federal and state officials advising them of this resolution, such other relevant  
28 measures as the Assembly may adopt, and urging the federal government not to permit  
29 transfer of the local Workforce Investment Program to the State of Alaska in a manner  
30 inconsistent with this resolution or the best interests of the local clients served by that  
31 program.

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33 Section 3. The Assembly requests and urges the Commissioner of the State  
34 Department of Labor and Workforce Development to extend the public comment period  
35 for the draft Alaska Unified Plan Modification I to December 31, 2003.

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37 Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval

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39 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
40 June, 2003.

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45 Chair

46 ATTEST:

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51 Municipal Clerk