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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY TO ADDRESS  
THE CURRENT FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT THROUGH MONTHLY  
EVALUATION AND REPORTING TO THE ASSEMBLY ON THE STATE OF  
MUNICIPAL FINANCES.**

WHEREAS, in 2008, the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage have benefited from a healthy Alaskan economy, despite the national recession; and

WHEREAS, the economies of the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage are interwoven into the nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, as part of the current global financial market crisis, we are witnessing mortgage market failures, stock market declines, severe investment write-downs, as well as depressed equity prices and a difficult bond market; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Permanent Fund has posted a 7.3% third-quarter loss, the largest three-month decline in the fund's 26-year history; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage relies on several key revenue streams and investment-related funding sources such as interest revenues, hotel/motel taxes, and municipal utility dividends, and these may be vulnerable to significant decline in the current economic environment; and

WHEREAS, in July 2008, the per-barrel price of oil was \$147 and, as of December 14, 2008, the per-barrel price has dropped to \$47.30; and

WHEREAS, this significant drop in the price of oil may result in reductions of municipal grants and service monies in the State of Alaska 2009 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage's budget is built upon historical trends which may not be consistent, in light of the current national and global economy; and

WHEREAS, prudent management of the municipal budget requires careful monitoring of financial resources and revenues in relation to financial obligations and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Finance and Budget Committee is designated by the Assembly to review and make recommendations on matters relating to financial management and policies of the Municipality; and

1 WHEREAS, the Budget Advisory Commission is a citizen commission created to  
2 assist the Administration, the Assembly, and the citizens of Anchorage as an avenue for  
3 public understanding and influence on the municipal budget and the budget process; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that the current economic environment warrants  
6 additional reporting and dissemination of timely financial information to ensure that the  
7 Municipality of Anchorage stays in a healthy financial position and protects quality services  
8 and service delivery for its citizens;  
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10 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:  
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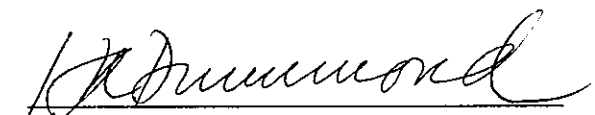
12 **Section 1.** The Chief Fiscal Officer of the Municipality of Anchorage shall submit  
13 monthly financial status reports for distribution to the Anchorage Assembly, the Assembly  
14 Budget and Finance Committee, and the Anchorage citizen Budget Advisory Commission.  
15 The monthly financial status reports shall include:  
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- 17 a) Investment yields and discussion.  
18 b) Financial status of revenues and expenditures.  
19 c) Any other information that will assist the Assembly in evaluating the financial  
20 health of the Municipality of Anchorage.  
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22 **Section 2.** The Anchorage citizen Budget Advisory Commission is invited to  
23 submit comment and recommendations to the Assembly Budget and Finance Committee.  
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25 **Section 3.** The Assembly Budget and Finance Committee will review the monthly  
26 financial status reports submitted by the Chief Fiscal Officer and any comments or  
27 recommendations submitted by the Budget Advisory Commission or Assembly members.  
28 The Assembly Budget and Finance Committee will provide to the Assembly a monthly  
29 evaluation, with the Committee's recommendations on the state of the Municipality's  
30 finances.  
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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
33 January, 2009.  
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36 Chair

37 ATTEST:

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40 Municipal Clerk  
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