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**AMENDED AND APPROVED**  
Date: 1-20-09

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR NO. 2009-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY TO IDENTIFY  
SPENDING REDUCTIONS REQUIRED TO BALANCE THE PROJECTED DEFICIT OF  
MORE THAN \$17 MILLION IN THE FY 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

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WHEREAS the Municipality of Anchorage has a projected budget deficit of at least \$17 MILLION for 2009; and

WHEREAS, by Charter, the Municipality of Anchorage is precluded from increasing tax revenues to balance the 2009 Municipal Budget under the provisions of the Municipal Tax Increase Limitation ("Tax Cap") set out in Charter §14.03; and

WHEREAS, to balance the 2009 Municipal Budget, the Municipality of Anchorage is required to make spending reductions; and

WHEREAS, in order to address this problem, it is necessary for the Assembly and the Administration to engage in a broad and comprehensive examination of all anticipated Municipal expenditures for FY 2009; and

WHEREAS, achieving a balanced budget will require working as partners in a cooperative effort, to be undertaken immediately by the Assembly and the Municipality's employees, contractors and departments; and

WHEREAS, wages and benefits paid to the Municipality's union employees, non-represented employees and executive employees comprise one of the major components of the Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage recently entered into new collective bargaining agreements with the IBEW, AMEA, APDEA and AFD, and previously negotiated collective bargaining agreements are in place with the Teamsters, the Operating Engineers and other represented employees; and

WHEREAS, during the process of approving these contracts, representatives of various bargaining units publicly committed to the Assembly that, should financial difficulties become apparent within the Municipality of Anchorage, the bargaining units would return to the negotiating table to contribute to the solution; and

1 WHEREAS, various unions representing members of the Municipality of Anchorage  
2 workforce have a successful history of working cooperatively with the Municipality to  
3 address financial issues facing the Municipality and have been creative and important  
4 partners in solving these issues; and  
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6 WHEREAS, in the absence of some wage and benefit concessions from all  
7 municipal employees, it may be necessary to reduce the number of employees; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the Assembly expects each Department of the Municipality to review its  
10 budget and recommend reductions to the Assembly so that the budget can be balanced;  
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12 NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:  
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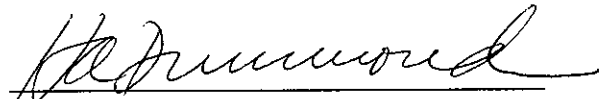
14 **Section 1. The administration will not engage in collective bargaining with**  
15 **any municipal unions until February 4, 2009, allowing the Assembly time to**  
16 **adopt a resolution to provide guidance setting general labor relations policy**  
17 **and direction for contract negotiations, pursuant to section 3.70.090.**

18 ~~Representatives of each bargaining unit representing municipal employees are~~  
19 ~~requested to engage in a dialogue with the Assembly to establish a framework to~~  
20 ~~resolve the FY 2009 budget shortfall issues.~~  
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22 **Section 2.** Departments of the Municipality are requested to identify specific  
23 detailed ways in which to reduce departmental expenditures to achieve a balanced  
24 budget and furnish departmental recommendations in a report to the Assembly.  
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26 **Section 3. The Mayor** ~~Chief Financial Officer~~ is requested to identify opportunities  
27 to reduce wages and other expenses associated with the Municipality's union  
28 employees, non-represented employees and executive employees to achieve a  
29 balanced budget, and furnish a report to the Assembly.  
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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  
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38 ATTEST:

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41 Municipal Clerk