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**A RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO
AWARD A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175 MILLION UNDER THE
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT TO THE PORT OF
ANCHORAGE INTERMODAL EXPANSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Port of Anchorage is the center of a hub-and-spoke distribution system that serves 85% of the Alaska population, provides 90% of consumer goods, and forms a lifeline for remote villages throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Anchorage is one of nineteen U.S. ports designated by the Department of Defense as a "National Strategic Port," and is essential to serving the thousands of Army and Air Force personnel throughout Alaska, as well as the deployment of personnel to overseas stations; and

WHEREAS, a recent study found that the Port of Anchorage's total economic impact is \$663 million, with freight activity at the Port contributing to \$137 million in household earnings and 4,142 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Anchorage is now and will continue to be a leader in economic expansion and development in Alaska given its deep water, in-terminal rail lines, increasing barge berth opportunities, 60 acres of industrial land, and ability to support dry bulk commodities and a wide variety of industrial raw materials; and

WHEREAS, the need for capital investment in intermodal infrastructure is critical to the long term economic prosperity of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, six years ago, the Port of Anchorage began a partnership between the Municipality of Anchorage, State of Alaska, and the U.S. Maritime Administration to complete an expansion of the current facilities in order to replace the aging infrastructure and to keep the Port a viable and growing economic engine; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Anchorage expansion project is fully permitted and construction of the necessary expansion efforts has already begun; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Anchorage is committed to ensuring that all future growth and improvement initiatives are done in an environmentally-friendly way and has invested funds to mitigate local environmental concerns stemming from the improvement initiative, as well as from other locally-suggested environmental projects; and

1 **WHEREAS**, through a mutually beneficial partnership, the federal government, the State
2 of Alaska, the Port of Anchorage, and major Port tenants have committed financially to
3 the Port of Anchorage expansion project, and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was signed into law
6 by President Barack Obama, and a major tenet of the ARRA is to put Americans back to
7 work and replace and rebuild critical infrastructure in our nation; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Port of Anchorage expansion project is in a position to bid and complete
10 \$175 million in project-related work in 2009 and 2010, creating an estimated 3,500 jobs
11 through the manufacturing and freighting of steel, as well as construction jobs at the Port
12 of Anchorage; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, the Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project is a project of regional
15 and national significance, creates a large number of long-term high paying jobs, and is in
16 need of federal aid to complete the overall financing plan for the project; **now, therefore,**
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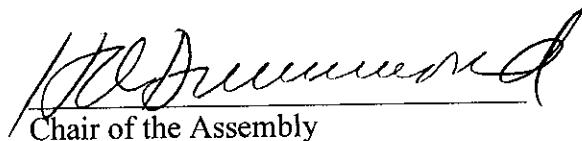
18 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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20 **Section 1.** The Anchorage Municipal Assembly reconfirms its support of the Port of
21 Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project.
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23 **Section 2.** The Anchorage Municipal Assembly urges the U.S. Secretary of
24 Transportation Raymond LaHood to award a grant under the \$1.5 billion competitive
25 grant program designed for bridges, freight, and port projects in the ARRA to the Port of
26 Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project in the amount of \$175 million in order for the
27 project to proceed without delay or interruption of commercial operations.
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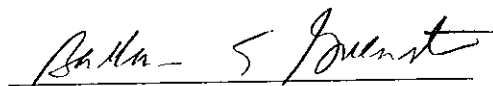
29 **Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by
30 the Assembly.
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32 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24th day of
33 March, 2009.
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37 Chair of the Assembly
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