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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2009-82**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING  
ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDING AND URGING THE  
LEGISLATURE TO BUILD CONSENSUS TO CONVINCE THE GOVERNOR TO  
RECONSIDER REJECTION IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTANCE.**

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WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("federal stimulus funding") offers federal economic stimulus money to assist local economic recovery, and the Alaska allocation is \$930.7 Million;

WHEREAS, Anchorage schools were slated to get at least \$26 Million for special education and Title One schools, which are in the municipality's poorest neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS federal stimulus funding for education could also be used in Anchorage to expand pre-kindergarten to more low-income children; and

WHEREAS, Governor Palin has announced her intent to reject \$288.1 Million of Alaska's allocation, including approximately \$171 Million in various education programs including special education, technology, "fiscal stabilization" funds, emergency food assistance and school lunch programs, immunizations, infant learning, additional funding for schools with a high proportion of poor students, including the \$26 Million slated for Anchorage programs; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8% in February 2009, and the Alaska statewide unemployment rate, without seasonal adjustment, is 9.3%; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough combined unemployment rate, without seasonal adjustment, is 7.9%; and

WHEREAS, despite these alarming economic indicators, Governor Palin is rejecting \$15 Million in unemployment assistance, and stimulus funding for emergency food assistance and homeless grants; and

WHEREAS, Governor Palin is also rejecting \$28 Million for state energy program funding, \$18.5 Million in weatherization program funding, \$8.5 Million in energy conservation program funding, and \$7.2 Million in public safety program funding; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage School District has avowed full transparency and accountability for the use of all federal stimulus funding allocated to Anchorage; and

1 WHEREAS, programs initiated and funded by the federal stimulus can be subject  
2 to full review for effectiveness after the federal funding cycle;  
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4 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY HEREBY RESOLVES:  
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- 6 1. The Municipality of Anchorage supports acceptance of federal stimulus  
7 funding allocated to Alaska.  
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9 2. The Alaska Legislature is urged to build consensus to convince the Governor  
10 to reconsider rejection in favor of acceptance of federal stimulus funding  
11 allocated to Alaska.  
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14 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_day of  
15 \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.  
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19 Chair

20 ATTEST:  
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Municipal Clerk