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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF
THE ANCHORAGE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
CHARACTERIZATION OF SOUTH ANCHORAGE POLLUTANTS ENTERING
TURNAGAIN ARM COASTAL ZONE PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District is an authorized entity of the State within the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District has a reputation of professional, cost-effective, community and results-oriented project management; and

WHEREAS homeowners and regulators have been unable to determine with certainty the source of fecal coliform bacteria levels in Anchorage area wells and surface water, and this uncertainty as to source is resulting in regulatory requirements that may not improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking funding to commission a detailed, scientific study of South Anchorage surface water fecal coliform bacteria and sources; and

WHEREAS, this project will include a working group consisting of the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District, the Anchorage Waterways Council, the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the Municipality of Anchorage and other experts and professionals; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will aid in determining the probable source of fecal coliform bacteria based on science, accurate analysis, and documentation of South Anchorage pollutants entering Turnagain Arm; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District will publish a report of all information gleaned from this process, and associated GIS mapping, to aid and promote efficient planning, and assist Anchorage homeowners and regulators to identify efficient corrective action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly supports initiation of the Characterization of South Anchorage Pollutants Entering Turnagain Arm Coastal Zone Project by the Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of May, 2009.

Debbie Ossander
Chair

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk