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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AR NO. 2009-307**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING  
ALASKA NATIVES' FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE SBA 8(a) BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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WHEREAS, the federal government authorized participation in the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) program for Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs), Native Hawaiian Organizations and Indian Tribes in recognition of the fact the indigenous people of the United States represent a socially and economically disadvantaged population that has had difficulty succeeding in the U.S. marketplace; and

WHEREAS, many ANCs have used the SBA 8(a) program to strengthen their business base, develop sustainable competencies and deliver important benefits to Alaska Native shareholders; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) surveyed 10 regional and two village corporations in 2005 and found that 8(a) contracts support 3,170 jobs for shareholders, 9,750 jobs for Alaskans that paid \$414 million in Alaska payroll, \$34 million in shareholder dividends, \$5.4 million in donations to Native cultural and social programs, almost \$1 million in community programs, \$9.6 million in scholarships and \$7.3 million in other shareholder programs; and

WHEREAS, Native success in the 8(a) program is critical to the economic health of our State because it represents millions of dollars of new money flowing into Alaska, which ISER says adds diversity to our traditional economic base – oil and the federal government; and

WHEREAS, 21 of the State's top Alaska-owned and operated businesses are regional or village ANCs and, according to Alaska Business Monthly, Native organization's bring in 71 percent of the revenues represented by all industries that make the magazine's Top 49er listing, employ more than 58 percent of all Alaska employees and 83 percent of the jobs provided by all companies on the listing. They are, according to the magazine's publishers, "the foundation for a healthy economy;" and

WHEREAS, Anchorage is uniquely positioned to benefit from Native Corporation success in the 8(a) program because so many Alaska Natives live here (10.4 percent of our population) and so many regional and village ANCs have their headquarters here; and

WHEREAS, despite unwavering support from Alaska's Congressional delegation, there have been ongoing efforts by some members of Congress to repeal or significantly modify the

Native 8(a) program based on biased information, and disregard of the federal government's unique obligations to Native people; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes that the participation of Alaska Natives in the 8(a) program has been an important tool in building a strong Native economy and continues to provide substantial benefits to their Native shareholders and to Anchorage and the State as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Native 8(a) is a long-term business development program and many Native businesses have yet to have the opportunity to engage in the program and develop the skills necessary to successfully compete in today's marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Native participation in 8(a) program is a rare example of federal Indian policy that is working as intended.

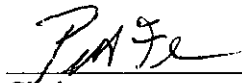
NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly hereby resolves:

**Section 1.** That the Anchorage Municipal Assembly respectively requests the continued support of Congress to maintain the Native 8(a) program in recognition of the fact ANCs represent a socially and economically disadvantaged population that has had difficulty developing businesses and succeeding in the U.S. marketplace and that many ANCs have not had the opportunity to participate in the program; and

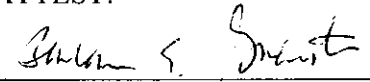
**Section 2.** That the Anchorage Municipal Assembly strongly encourages the Small Business Administration to seek ways to promote and expand participation in the 8(a) program by Alaska Native Village and regional corporations as current participation only accounts for less than one percent of all federal procurement dollars; and

**Section 3.** That the Anchorage Municipal Assembly strongly opposes any Congressional amendments, regulatory changes or other means to diminish, alter, denounce or abolish the current provisions in the federal procurement system allowing Alaska Natives to increase economic development for the benefit of their respective Native communities, the Municipality of Anchorage and the State of Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Municipal Clerk

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