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Wastewater Utility

For Reading: July 26, 2011

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2011-194**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
AND HONORING MARK PREMO FOR HIS 21 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, Mark Premo joined the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU) in 1989 as Manager of the Engineering and Planning Division, after five years with the Washington Department of Ecology, and 10 years in private practice in Alaska. Mark became AWWU's General Manager in 1991; and,

WHEREAS, Mark was educated at the University of Washington, receiving a bachelors and master's degree in Civil Engineering, focusing on sanitary engineering; and,

WHEREAS, AWWU is the largest water and wastewater utility in Alaska, serving Anchorage, Chugiak-Eagle River, Peters Creek, Eklutna and Girdwood. The Utility collects water from two major surface watersheds, Eklutna Lake and Ship Creek, and several deep underground wells. AWWU's service area of 2000 square miles provides services to over 56,000 customer accounts. Anchorage's entire population of 290,000 is dependent on AWWU's infrastructure, valued at over \$7.4 Billion; and,

WHEREAS, under Mark's leadership, the Utility has received over 75 national, statewide and regional awards, from the U.S. Conference of Mayors award for Best Tasting Water in America, to the National Association of Clean Water Agencies award for Excellence in Management, to the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies award for Sustained Competitiveness Achievement; and,

WHEREAS, Mark has led AWWU through the administrations of six different Anchorage Mayors, through lean times as well as flush (no pun intended), and has garnered respect from employees, colleagues, and the many public officials he has worked with all along the way; and,

WHEREAS, Mark's legacy of utility industry leadership is matched by few other professionals in Alaska or nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, Mark has been active in and a strong supporter of the Alaska Water Wastewater Management Association throughout his career. Mark was inducted into the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers in 1983 and he has served in many volunteer positions; and,

1 WHEREAS, Mark has been a long term board member of the Association of
2 Metropolitan Water Agencies, whose members include the largest 100 public water
3 utilities in the nation, and where he served in a number of official positions, and served
4 as the organization's President; and,

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6 WHEREAS, Mark served as a board member of the Water Research Foundation
7 for approximately 10 years, including serving as Treasurer; and,

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9 WHEREAS, Mark is currently Treasurer of Water for People, the preeminent
10 international philanthropic organization focused on building capacity for safe drinking
11 water and sanitation in the developing world; and,

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13 WHEREAS, Mark led AWWU through the development of a culture of continuous
14 improvement into an efficient and effective water and wastewater utility, recognized
15 nationally as a center of Excellence through Innovation; and,

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17 WHEREAS, Mark exemplifies the values of professionalism, integrity, teamwork,
18 safety, respect, continuous improvement, and humor in his professional and daily life.

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20 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

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22 **MARK PREMO, P.E.**


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24 is recognized for over two decades of service as General Manager of the Anchorage
25 Water and Wastewater Utility and the citizens of Anchorage, and in that role, for his
26 contributions to improving the public health of this City, the State of Alaska, our Nation
27 and the World.

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29 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 26th day of
30 July, 2011.

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39 ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk