

**NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 01-2011**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF
AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ALASKA COASTAL
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the North Slope Borough Assembly desires to promote and strengthen its continued participation in the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP); and

WHEREAS, the ACMP has been an important program that promotes a balance between economic development and protection of coastal resources and uses since its inception in 1977; and

WHEREAS, the North Slope Borough's first coastal management plan received state approval and federal approval in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP gives Alaskan coastal communities an essential tool to promote responsible development while addressing impacts to coastal resources and uses; and

WHEREAS, changes to the ACMP statute in 2003 and changes to the ACMP regulations in 2004 eliminated the Coastal Policy Council, removed consideration of air and water quality impacts during ACMP project reviews, and diminished the opportunity for meaningful participation in the program by the North Slope Borough and other coastal districts; and

WHEREAS, the coastal communities' having a voice in addressing local circumstances and concerns is vital to the future well-being of traditional ways of life; and

WHEREAS, recommendations from the June 2008 evaluation of the ACMP by the federal Office of Coastal, Ocean and Resource Management encouraging the state to reevaluate the implementation of the amended ACMP, revisit the requirements for designated areas, provide more technical assistance, and evaluate the effectiveness of retaining the DEC "carve-out" have not been sufficiently addressed; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive 2008 reevaluation of the ACMP initiated by the State of Alaska in 2008 has not resulted in any changes to the program; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP will sunset on July 1, 2011 unless the Alaska State Legislature extends the program.

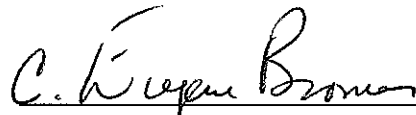
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The North Slope Borough Assembly supports amendments to the ACMP that will restore checks and balances to the program, allow meaningful participation by coastal districts and promote responsible development.

2. The North Slope Borough Assembly supports introduction and passage of legislation that will eliminate sunset provisions for the ACMP, restore the ability of coastal districts to establish enforceable policies for matters not adequately addressed by state or federal law, eliminate requirements for designated areas for the application of enforceable policies, include the Department of Environmental Conservation in project consistency reviews, and establish a Coastal Policy Board to restore checks and balances to the program.

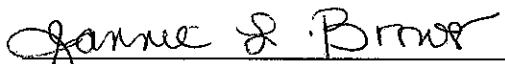
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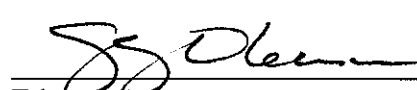


C. Eugene Brower, President
Date: 01/04/11

ATTEST:



Jeanie L. Brower, Borough Clerk
Date: 1/5/2011



Edward S. Itta, Mayor
Date: 1/05/11