

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 11-54**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
INITIATIVE TO REINSTITUTE THE ALASKA
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly desires to promote and support the reinstatement of the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) through the ongoing statewide initiative process; and

WHEREAS, the ACMP until its end in June of 2011 was an important program that promoted a balance between economic development and protection of coastal resources and subsistence uses since its inception in 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the ACMP was allowed to sunset, when not renewed by the Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is the only coastal state in the United States of America without an approved coastal management program; and

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

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

WHEREAS, representatives of Alaskan coastal communities filed a ballot initiative application with the Lieutenant Governor on October 7, 2011 to reinstate the ACMP; and

WHEREAS, the statewide initiative would re-establish an Alaska coastal management program which would include a coastal policy board, recognized coastal districts, a coordinated process to assure consistency with statewide standards and local enforceable policies and allow for participation in the federal Coastal Zone Management Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly

1. Supports the initiative process to reinstate the Coastal Management Program to allow meaningful participation by coastal districts and promote responsible development.

2. This resolution should be forwarded to Governor Parnell and to the Alaska State Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.


Walter G. Sampson, Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.


Siikauraq Martha Whiting, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.


Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

