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ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

RESOLUTION #2012-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA CONFERENCE OF MAYORS URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KNIK ARM BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge has statewide economic significance; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge will provide connectivity between the region's ports, rail corridors and interior natural resources, while providing for future growth potential; and

WHEREAS, the United States military recognizes the necessity of an alternate route between Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), the Anchorage Bowl, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge will open potential access to over 40% of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, which is at the northwest side of the Cook Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge will save nearly an hour travel time between Anchorage and Fairbanks as an alternate to the Glenn Highway, saving fuel, reducing emissions, and delaying the need for costly highway upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Arm Bridge will provide transportation and new service venues for Alaska's fastest growing populated area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Conference of Mayors urges the Legislature to endorse the construction of the Knik Arm Bridge.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Conference of Mayors on this 15th day of August, 2012.

Mayor Dan O'Hara, President, Alaska Conference of Mayors

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Attest:

Kathle Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League