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**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**RESOLUTION #BOD2009-03**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ARMY TO REINSTATE THE RETIREMENT PAY  
TO THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD**

**WHEREAS**, retired surviving members of the Alaska Territorial Guard served with honor during WWII, defending the United States and the State of Alaska from the threat of Japanese attack; and

**WHEREAS**, this action comes even though a law was passed qualifying time served in the unpaid guard as active federal service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Territorial Guard members served their country for free and were never paid for their service; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these former guard members live in small, remote Alaskan villages where expenses are high, services are few and jobs are scarce (especially in light of the fact that most of these former Guard members are in their 80s); and


**WHEREAS**, Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich are preparing legislation clarifying the service in the territorial guard counts as active duty for calculating retirement pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska's U.S. delegation has also sent a letter to President Barack Obama, asking him to "ensure that those affected by this series of events do not lose the safety net."

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors requests of the U.S. Army that pay be reinstated to the former members of the Alaska Territorial Guard.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

Signed:

  
Denise Michels, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest:

  
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League