



RESOLUTION 2011 - 04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF
FULL FUNDING OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the nation faces unprecedented energy challenges, including escalating energy costs and overdependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy is critical to position America to be competitive in the global economy, enhance energy independence, build sustainable communities, and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140) established a new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program at the U.S. Department of Energy, authorizing \$2 billion annually for five years in formula grants to cities, boroughs, states and tribes to develop and implement energy efficiency strategies; and

WHEREAS, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act provided \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program to help communities decrease energy consumption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs to implement the strategies; and

WHEREAS, the cities, boroughs, and tribes in Southwest Alaska who received formula grants are successfully utilizing their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska recognizes that our dependence on foreign oil to generate our electricity, heat our homes and drive our vehicles results in extremely high energy costs, and has become a significant barrier to economic development; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Alaska continues and will continue to pursue energy efficiency and renewable energy programs and projects as a way to offset our dependence on foreign oil and reduce our energy costs;

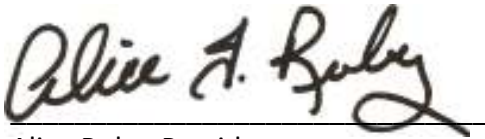
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference respectfully urges President Obama and Congress to fully fund the \$2 billion annual appropriation for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program in Fiscal Year 2012.

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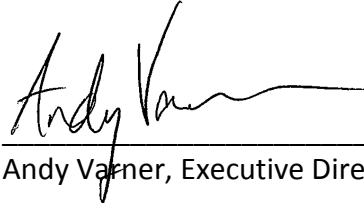
PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 11th day of February, 2011.

Signed:

Attest:



Alice Ruby, President



Andy Varner, Executive Director