



RESOLUTION 2011 - 09

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Alaska faces unprecedented energy challenges, including escalating energy costs and overdependence on foreign oil, especially in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS, to help combat these high costs, the Alaska legislature created the Weatherization program to help make Alaska's homes more energy efficient; and

WHEREAS, SWAMC 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, the Weatherization program not only helps Alaskan residents save money through lower fuel bills, but also puts money back into the local and statewide economies by creating thousands of jobs, both direct and indirect, associated with the program; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization program is successful in helping reduce residential energy costs and deserves a multi-year extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference respectfully urges Governor Parnell and the Alaska Legislature to continue fully funding the Weatherization Program in Fiscal Year 2012, extended indefinitely, to meet the needs of rural Alaskans.

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

Signed:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alice A. Ruby".

Alice Ruby, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andy Varner".

Andy Varner, Executive Director