

Alaska Fire Chiefs Association
Resolution 2008-03

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COALITION TO ADDRESS THE STATEWIDE LOSS OF LIFE DUE TO A RECOGNIZED LONG STANDING TREND IN CHILD FIRESETTING INCIDENTS;

WHEREAS: Fires started by children playing with fire are the leading cause of child fire deaths in Alaska and often, the child who started the fire also becomes the victim, and

WHEREAS: there are known methods to identify children who have been involved in playing with fire and address the issue through caregiver and child education, and

WHEREAS: there are known intervention strategies to prevent children from continuing to play with fire, and

WHEREAS: Nationwide the most successful programs are comprised of representatives from multiple disciplines such as Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice and Health and Social Services, and

WHEREAS: communities are unable to provide the necessary resources to independently address the problem at the local level, and

WHEREAS: the issue of children playing with fire impacts all communities and all demographics in Alaska,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association encourages and supports the development of a coalition to address child fire setting incidents.

Adopted this 21st day of February 2008 at the annual spring conference in Juneau, Alaska.

Attested by:

Doug Schrage, Alaska Fire Chief's Association President