

Alaska Fire Chief's Association
Resolution
2008 – 06

A resolution supporting the immediate ban relating to the retail sale or distribution of toy like novelty lighters within the boundaries of the State of Alaska.

WHEREAS: Juvenile fire setting has been identified as the fastest growing fire threat in the United States, and

WHEREAS: novelty lighters have features that are attractive to children, and

WHEREAS: the Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled thousands of novelty lighters since 1996 due to their danger to the public safety, and

WHEREAS: the nation Fire Protection Association, Western Fire Chief's Association, National Association of State Fire Marshals along with many other state and national public safety agencies have supported the prohibition of the sale and distribution of novelty lighters, and

WHEREAS: the function of a lighter can be achieved without the novelty of visual effects, flashing lights, musical sounds or toy-like designs,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Fire Chief's Association does encourage and support the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, as provided within the authority of Alaska Statute 18.70.10, to immediately ban the sale and distribution of novelty lighters with the State of Alaska.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2008 at the
_____ conference in _____, Alaska.

Attested by: _____
Douglas R. Schrage, President – Alaska Fire Chief's Association