



# ALASKA FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION

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## *Alaska Fire Chiefs Association Resolution 2010 - 01*

### **A Resolution Recommending the Creation an Intrastate Mutual Aid Agreement**

**WHEREAS:** intrastate mutual aid agreements provide a statutory framework enabling local governments to request and receive assistance from other local governments during emergencies without the need to negotiate and sign those agreements in advance; and

**WHEREAS:** the National Incident Management System (NIMS) considers mutual aid agreements to be an indispensable tool for an expedient and coordinated response; and

**WHEREAS:** a statutorily adopted intrastate mutual aid agreement will allow local governments to not only meet NIMS requirements but to work effectively together to protect lives and property through optimal utilization of available public assets; and

**WHEREAS:** mutual aid legislation does not preclude participating political subdivisions from entering into additional agreements with another political subdivision or affect any other agreements to which a political subdivision may already have entered into or may wish to enter into in the future; and

**WHEREAS:** regulations based on the Model Intrastate Mutual Aid Legislation will include all political subdivisions statewide; and

**WHEREAS:** these regulations would allow political subdivisions to withdraw from the intrastate mutual aid system by appropriate resolution.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association recommends legislation creating an intrastate mutual aid agreement that establishes a minimal statutory framework through which political subdivisions and local governments may request and receive mutual assistance.

Adopted this 11th day of February 2010 at the Spring  
conference in Juneau, Alaska.

Attested by:

  
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Jeff Tucker, President - Alaska Fire Chief's Association