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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE ALASKA  
CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER FOR SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the Alaska Challenger Learning Center for Space Science and Technology in Kenai is part of a growing network of centers nationwide established in memory of the crew of the ill-fated 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle; with the national Challenger organization established by the families of the seven crew members to continue the crew's educational mission; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Challenger Learning Center will offer a unique hands-on experience designed to get Alaskan students enthused about science, math, and technology; with students working as engineers and scientists on simulated space missions, developing their decision-making and communication skills by solving problems; and

WHEREAS, the core of the Center is the interactive computerized simulator - a space lab ready for exploration and a mission control room patterned after the Johnson Space Center - with accommodations for up to forty active participants per mission; and

WHEREAS, whether students are navigating a lunar landing, chasing a comet's tail, or voyaging to Mars, each mission scenario will foster interest in math, science, and technology while helping young people recognize the importance of key life-skills; and

WHEREAS, this project will be financed by corporate, State and Federal funds, and individual donations, with an estimated \$750,000 required for the equipment and licensing fees, and a total of \$5 million needed to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

**Section 1:** That the Assembly supports the construction and operation of the Alaska Challenger Learning Center for Space Science and Technology.

**Section 2:** That the Assembly thanks Kenai Mayor John Williams, Kenai Council Members, the initial Steering Committee, and current Board Members and Project Coordinator for their efforts in bringing a Challenger Learning Center to Alaska.

**Section 3:** That, though this is a State-wide project, the Assembly realizes the tremendous educational opportunity this Center will provide to Anchorage students, and the Assembly encourages Anchorage citizens to actively participate in local fund-raising efforts and promotional events.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 19th day of May, 1998.

ATTEST

  
Municipal Clerk

  
Chair