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Date: 9-10-16-01

Submitted by: MAYOR, Assembly Members Clementson,
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Prepared by: Office of Management & Budget
For Reading: October 16, 2001

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR 2001-305

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN, "ALASKA'S
CHILDREN, ALASKA'S FUTURE"**

**WHEREAS, our Alaska Constitution mandates that the state provide an
education system that offers all our children the opportunity to succeed in life;
and**

**WHEREAS, providing an adequate education is not a rural or an urban issue.
It's an Alaskan issue; and**

**WHEREAS, research shows that quality teachers are the most significant factor
in student achievement, and that teachers get the job done better with a qualified
team of support staff and administrators; and**

**WHEREAS, quality educators are linked to competitive compensation; and in
this time of nationwide shortages, school districts must have the ability to attract
and retain quality education professionals; and**

**WHEREAS, each public school is expected to implement new standards for
teaching and learning, however the State of Alaska has failed to fund the total
costs associated with successful implementation of new school standards; and**

**WHEREAS, from fiscal year 1990 to 2000, inflation has eroded the school
foundation funding program by 25%, for a total of \$200 million; and**

**WHEREAS, this erosion in school funding has occurred while the State is asking
educators to raise student standards; and**

**WHEREAS, many school districts have had to reduce their operating reserves in
order to meet basic education requirements; and**

**WHEREAS, educators are increasingly being expected to solve many of the
problems of our larger society; and**

**WHEREAS, each child is entitled to a first class opportunity to learn. However in
too many schools instructional materials are inadequate, textbooks are out-of-
date, class sizes are too large, the needs of many special needs students are
unmet and school districts lack the resources to attract and retain quality
teachers, administrators and education support professionals; and**

5 WHEREAS, good schools are essential to a vibrant quality of life in Alaska. The
6 quality of our schools will affect our ability as a state to attract quality business
7 and commerce, and the jobs collateral to this development.

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolve:

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11 That the Mayor and Anchorage Municipal Assembly proclaim their support for
12 "Alaska's Children, Alaska's Future", a statewide campaign to achieve proper
13 funding of our schools, and adequate funding for every Alaskan student.

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16 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 16 day of
17 October, 2001.

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Chairman

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT Resolution Supporting the Statewide Campaign, "Alaska's Children, Alaska's Future"	DATE PREPARED October 12, 2001	
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	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
X	Municipal Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Employee Relations		
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
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	Management Information Services		
	Police		
	Planning, Development & Public Works		
	Development Services		
	Facility Management		
	Planning		
	Project Management & Engineering		
	Street Maintenance		
	Traffic		
	Public Transportation Department		
	Purchasing		
	Municipal Attorney		
	Municipal Clerk		
	Other		
5	Special Instructions/Comments		
	<i>G.A.I. Action</i>		
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>10/16/01</i>	7	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED /

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