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**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY URGING THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONTINUE THE SENIOR TUITION  
WAIVER PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska provides a system-wide tuition waiver program to senior citizens over 60 years of age who register on a space available basis; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2004, approximately 560 Alaskan seniors took advantage of the program to attend classes at the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, with the rising cost of education and decreasing State monies, the University of Alaska is considering eliminating the senior tuition waiver as a cost-saving measure; and

WHEREAS, research documents that the age segregation that defines America's culture today is not healthy and fosters a disconnection between generations; and

WHEREAS, the health benefits of daily activities for mind and body are undisputed, and attending school is an excellent personal enrichment activity to keep seniors mobile, attentive, and useful; and

WHEREAS, older citizens are in a position to contribute so much to the community because they possess what everyone else in society so desperately lacks – time – and those that take the initiative to return to the classroom should be praised; and

WHEREAS, sharing educational facilities is enriching to both young and old, and older adults have proven to be invaluable resources as dedicated students bringing real life experience to the classroom and often acting as teaching assistants; and

WHEREAS, elimination of the tuition waiver program would be a step back from an intergenerational model to effectively enhance teaching and learning within the University of Alaska community and the State of Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly respectfully requests the University of Alaska Board of Regents continue to fund the Senior Tuition Waiver Program to support Alaska's senior citizens in their pursuit of life-long learning.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 9th day of August, 2005.

Anna J. Fairclough  
Chair

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