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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
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Submitted by: ASSEMBLY MEMBER DRUMMOND

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office

For reading: October 12, 2010

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
ENDEAVORS OF THE RURAL ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC. IN
PROVIDING AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE FOR WORKING PARENTS WITHIN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**

WHEREAS, consistent and qualified caregivers are extremely important in children's early development; and

WHEREAS, quality early learning experiences prepare children for success in life and support families; and

WHEREAS, investments in early learning opportunities for children, in early developmental screenings and support services increase human potential and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of available licensed childcare in Anchorage: 10,500 available spaces are insufficient for the estimated 15,000 children who live in households where every adult household member works outside the home; and

WHEREAS, in Anchorage, quality infant and preschool childcare averages between \$500 - \$800 per month making quality childcare unaffordable for low income households; and

WHEREAS, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (**RurAL CAP**) has been successful in providing quality early learning opportunities, developmental screenings, and affordable childcare at its Child Development Center in Anchorage and its centers throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, **RurAL CAP** plans to expand its services in Anchorage, through its Child Development Center and Parents As Teachers Program, thereby increasing the number of children served; and

WHEREAS, **RurAL CAP** has secured funding to purchase land for a new facility in Spenard and has the support of the Spenard Community Council; and

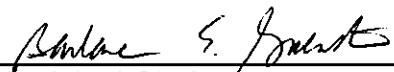
WHEREAS, in addition to securing funding from private, corporate, and municipal sources, **RurAL CAP** will request \$800,000 in funding from the State Capital Budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Municipal Assembly recognizes the endeavors of **RurAL CAP** to support families by providing affordable childcare, and urges that **RurAL CAP's** project for a new Spenard facility is accepted for inclusion in the Municipal priorities for funding under the State Capital Budget.

1 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of
2 October, 2010.
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