

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly requesting the Governor and the legislature support legislation addressing basic community needs and quality education for children.

WHEREAS, the Basic Education and Alaska State Revenue Sharing Programs provide much needed funding for basic services benefitting all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, legislation that would authorize additional appropriations for public education and for community revenue sharing based on the price of Alaska North Slope crude oil, and adjusting the formula for payments to communities is currently working its way through the legislative process; and


WHEREAS, Congress has not reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (PL 110-343) or otherwise funded the program for the current year, of which the Haines Borough and many other communities throughout Alaska and the Nation rely on this funding to provide for basic education.

WHEREAS, the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program is not currently authorized beyond this current budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout Alaska have limited tax bases, yet are faced with yearly increases in the cost of labor, energy, goods and services; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we respectfully request that members of the legislature and Governor Sean Parnell support a passage of this legislation addressing these basic community needs and support a quality education for our children.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on the 14th day of February, 2012.


Stephanie Scott, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

