Presented by: The Manager Introduced: 02/23/2009 Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2462

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for Senate Bill 33 and House Bill 94, Creating a Postsecondary Scholarship Program for Alaska Residents Based on High Achievement and Financial Need, and Expressing Support for the Efforts of the "Coalition of Student Leaders" at the University of Alaska.

WHEREAS, House Bill 94 and Senate Bill 33 would establish the Alaska Achievers Incentive Scholarship Program (AAIP) to provide an additional source of financial assistance to defray the costs of attending a qualifying postsecondary institution for academically successful students who also demonstrate financial need; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Student Leaders (CSL) is a statewide organization of collegiate student governments, which advocates issues on behalf of over 30,000 students in the University of Alaska System; and

WHEREAS, the main advocacy efforts of CSL for 2009 center around the AAIP, which would provide a state-funded scholarship program with both merit and needs-based components to enhance access to the University of Alaska System; and

WHEREAS, this program is unique because it was designed, written, and advocated by students for students, and has the support of the University of Alaska administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby expresses its support for AAIP, Senate Bill 33 and HB 94, and the efforts of the Coalition of Student Leaders.

Section 2. That the Assembly of the City and Borough supports enhanced access to postsecondary education.

Section 3. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Governor Sarah Palin, and the Alaska State Legislature.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 23rd day of February, 2009.

Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie J. Sica./Clerk