Presented by: Assemblymembers Robinson and Peterson

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1361

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ALASKA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATION ENDOWMENT.

WHEREAS, one of every three Alaskans is under the age of 18, giving Alaska the youngest population of any state in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the right to a free education for every child has been universally recognized, and in Alaska is mandated by the state constitution, and

WHEREAS, education provides the opportunity for reaching personal fulfillment and economic self-sufficiency, and

WHEREAS, to fail to provide that opportunity penalizes not only the individual child, but also the society as a whole, and

WHEREAS, volatile and unpredictable oil revenues have resulted in decreased state funding for education over the last few years, and

WHEREAS, future state oil revenues are projected to decline with the gradual decline of Prudhoe Bay production, making general fund support of public education more difficult and uncertain, and

WHEREAS, fluctuating local property values have also contributed to educational funding uncertainty, and

WHEREAS, federal funding for education has also become increasingly more unpredictable, and

WHEREAS, an education endowment would provide critically important stable funding for public elementary and public secondary schools;

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

1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports and endorses an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska providing for the establishment of an education endowment.

2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 20th day of March, 1989.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk