

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 06-06

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INTERIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CENTER'S FACILITY PROJECT IN THE DENALI BOROUGH

WHEREAS, the Interior Community Health Center (ICHC) operates a community health center that has served low income and uninsured residents of the Denali Borough since 2002, and

WHEREAS, ICHC also plays a vital role in delivering emergency services as an adjunct to the Emergency Medical System when appropriate, as the nearest emergency room is 30 minutes away by Medivac and 2 hours away by car; and

WHEREAS, ICHC provides access to quality primary care services and delivers these services without regard to an individual's insurance status and ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, ICHC significantly contributes to the community's safety net which helps families be productive and keeps families from falling into poverty and; and

WHEREAS, ICHC helps the community lower its overall costs for health services by reducing inappropriate use of emergency room services and lowering hospital admissions; and

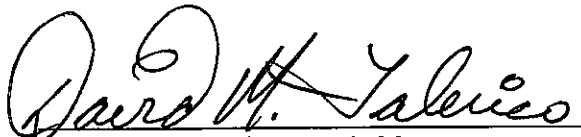
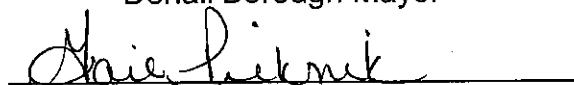
WHEREAS, ICHC, in its fourth year of operation, served over 1,793 registered children and adult patients with 2,868 visits [196 (11%) of these patients living at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines and 447 (25%) without health insurance]; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Denali Borough Assembly and Mayor David Talerico hereby acknowledge the ICHC's role in meeting the primary health needs of the medically underserved in the community, support the clinic's efforts to continue to meet these needs, and support ICHC's decision to build a new facility so that it may continue to be responsive to these needs.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

ATTEST:



  
Denali Borough Mayor  
  
Denali Borough Clerk