

# DENALI BOROUGH

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## **DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA** **RESOLUTION NO. 18-02**

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IDENTIFYING THE BOROUGH'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA BEGINNING JANUARY 16, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, the recent funding level of the Community Assistance Program (formerly called Revenue Sharing) has declined by over fifty percent from a few years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, the Denali Borough utilizes this funding to support providers of essential and direct public services including fire and ems response; and

**WHEREAS**, significant issues relating to the unfunded liability within the state managed PERS/TRS retirement programs were resolved through a 2008 agreement wherein all participants agreed to a 22% employer contribution cap for PERS and 12.5% for TRS; and

**WHEREAS**, by extending the amortization period of the debt, the state burdened the municipalities with an additional \$2.5 billion in costs relating to the unfunded liability; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska is a young state in need of infrastructure essential to the continued growth of our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, capital projects for facilities owned, operated and maintained by Alaska's municipalities and school districts relieve the state of ongoing costs associated with these essential community improvements.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Denali Borough respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature favorably consider:

- funding the Community Assistance Program above the \$30 million level,
- not attempting to increase the employer contributions for the PERS/TERS retirement systems, and
- providing funding for both the Major School Maintenance Grant Fund and the Grants to Municipalities.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

  
MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST:   
AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

AYES: BOELSMA, KELLY, SHREEVE, EVANS, CHATFIELD, ZAPPONE, ZIMMERMAN, DEBLAUW, HOLMES  
ABSENT: NONE

