

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 18-13

**A RESOLUTION BY THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POPULATION CAPS WITHIN THE PAYMENT
IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) FORMULA**

WHEREAS, through the federal PILT payment, the Department of Interior provides revenue to counties and county equivalents, such as boroughs, to compensate for non-taxable federal acreage within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough funds the provision of fire and emergency medical response services to the federal lands and infrastructure within the borough as well as providing solid waste services; and

WHEREAS, the numerous nightly camping and lodging offerings located on federal lands in the Denali Borough are exempt from local taxation; and

WHEREAS, while the annual number of visitors to these federal lands number over 500,000, the Denali Borough PILT payment is calculated on the borough's year round population of 1,850 residents; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has found that the current PILT formula places counties and boroughs with populations under 5,000 in an unfavorable position in relation to counties with populations greater than 5,000; and

WHEREAS, at their Annual Conference in July 2018, NACo adopted a resolution titled "Resolution on Amendments to PILT Population Caps"; and

WHEREAS, this resolution "supports amending the PILT formula to extend the population multipliers to include additional multipliers for local governments with populations in the range 4,000, 3,000, 2,000 and 1,000."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough strongly supports the NACo proposed amendment to the PILT formula and requests Congressional action to more fairly compensate small population counties and boroughs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 12th day of December, 2018.


MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST: 
AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
ABSENT: HOLMES, CHATFIELD, SHREEVE

