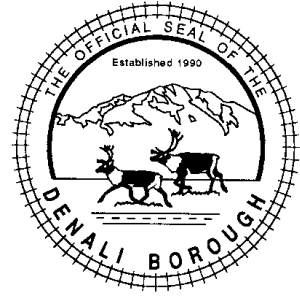


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## DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 21-01

### A RESOLUTION OF THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IDENTIFYING DENALI BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 32<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA BEGINNING JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the funding level of the Community Assistance Program has declined by over fifty percent from a seven 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**, the Community Assistance Fund was not fully re-capitalized in the FY21 budget, further reducing future funding; 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 a 12.5% cap 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**, deterioration of the state's fiscal condition threatens the state's ability to meet its constitutional obligations to education, public safety, and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, as a political subdivision of the state, the Denali Borough needs a reliable and fiscally sound partner in shared responsibilities, such as major school maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, even factoring in a reformed Permanent Fund Dividend payment, the state projects budget deficits of \$1 billion annually.

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

- Recapitalizing the Community Assistance Fund to its full \$60 million to ensure future payments.
- Opposing any efforts to increase the non-state employer contributions to the PERS/TRS retirement systems.
- Opposing cost shifts to municipalities.
- Supporting a balanced approach to resolving the state's continuing budget deficits.
- Taking measurable steps toward a sustainable fiscal plan for a healthy Alaskan future.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST:



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AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

*VOTE: UNANIMOUS*