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DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 22-10

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THAT THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPORTIONMENT DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARDS OF ALASKA STATUTE 29.20.060 AND TO CREATE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CALLED THE REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS; the Denali Borough is a home rule municipality of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AS 29.20.060, the Assembly composition and apportionment is required be consistent with the equal representation standards of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS; in accordance with AS 29.20.060 the assembly may not provide for weighted voting; and

WHEREAS, no member of the Assembly is elected or appointed by and from the council of a city in the Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v Thomson* that state legislative and local districts could vary in apportionment by as much as a ten percent range; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 6 of the Alaska State Constitution states that districts “shall contain a population as near as practicable to the quotient obtained by dividing the (total) population of the (borough)” by the number of districts; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Supreme Court has ruled, without adopting a specific numeric standard, that districts shall achieve district equality of population with a deviation substantially below the ten (10) percent federal standard; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census has been completed and the results have been provided to the Borough Assembly in the form of our current district map indicating our five (5) districts and the 2020 Census population data by district; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census population data calculates the nine (9) Assembly seats representing a total of 1619 people; and

WHEREAS, equal representation between nine (9) Assembly seats for 1619 people is 180 people per seat; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census population data by the current, five-district map shows the following representation per seat:

- DISTRICT 1: 2020 Census population of 196 with one seat representing 196 people.
- DISTRICT 2: 2020 Census population of 178 with one seat representing 178 people.
- DISTRICT 3: 2020 Census population of 720 with four seats each representing 180 people.
- DISTRICT 4: 2020 Census population of 204 with one seat representing 204 people.
- DISTRICT 5: 2020 Census population of 313 with two seats each representing 157 people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Denali Borough Assembly apportionment does not meet the standard of AS 29.20.060.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Denali Borough Assembly, by this resolution, creates a special committee called the Redistricting Committee to create new district maps that equally apportion Assembly seat representation as defined in AS 29.20.060 with a deviation substantially below 10 percent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Redistricting Committee shall consist of up to five (5) members, to include at least one Assembly Member, one School Board member, one Planning Commissioner, and at least one member of the public, with the mayor acting as an ex-officio member, and shall continue according to the Denali Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2.45.040 and 2.45.050 including the following guidelines:

- 1.) Qualifications. All members of the committee shall be voting residents within the Denali Borough.
- 2.) Selection of Members. Seat appointments shall be nominated by the mayor and approved by the assembly.
- 3.) Term. The term of the committee shall continue upon the adoption of this resolution and terminate upon completion of the project assigned and/or shall be discharged at the discretion of the Assembly.
- 4.) Officers. The committee will elect a chairperson and vice- chairperson.
- 5.) Procedures. Meetings may be by work sessions if the committee so chooses or regular meetings when appropriate to vote. The committee shall have at least two regular meetings - one to set the officers and a final meeting to vote on the report to

the Borough Assembly. All meetings and work sessions shall be posted at least 10 days prior to meeting and shall be public.

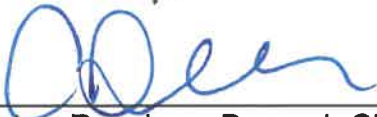
6.) Committee Action and Redistricting. The committee shall take formal action by resolution and shall present new district map(s) to the assembly on or before the August, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting.

7.) Records. All records and maps are the property of the Denali Borough.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 9th day of February, 2022.



Mayor Clay Walker

ATTEST: 

Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

