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RESOLUTION NO. WR96-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CIRCULATE A PETITION TO PLACE A PROPOSITION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION PROVIDING FOR ELECTION OF THE ASSEMBLY BY THE ENTIRE VOTING PUBLIC OF THE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Borough Assembly is elected to represent all residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the present system of election by district allows a voter to vote for only one of the seven members of the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, votes by the Assembly are often cast to reflect the interest of the assemblyperson's district needs and not the Borough as a whole; and

WHEREAS, this practice furthers the divisive atmosphere among various areas of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough-wide election of the school board is evidence that such a process of selection of assemblypersons is workable and has precedent in the Mat-Su Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Wasilla to circulate a petition to the general public to have the issue placed on the ballot on the next Borough election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla Administration is hereby directed to prepare a petition to be circulated among the voters of the Borough, said petition to call for election of the Assembly by all voters of the Borough; and
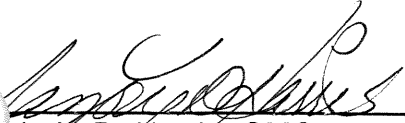
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration is directed to develop a method of obtaining signatures to such a petition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cities of Palmer and Houston be invited to participate and assist in this effort.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 26th day of February, 1996.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

rjorie D. Harris, CMC   John C. Stein, Mayor
City Clerk

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