



## CITY OF WASILLA

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REQUESTED BY: ADMINISTRATION  
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### RESOLUTION NO. WR97-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 11, FIFTY PERCENT STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOND DEBT.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Wasilla recognize providing a quality education for Alaskan children is a fundamental responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla and the surrounding Matanuska-Susitna Borough are experiencing a high and sustained growth in population; and

WHEREAS, our growth in population has resulted in a corresponding growth in student population; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna School District has identified a critical need for increased school facilities in our area; and

WHEREAS, the local voters have expressed their approval for the construction of three new schools in the Matanuska Susitna School District by approving by a substantial margin the 1996 school construction bond package in the October 1996 municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has a Constitutional obligation to provide for education; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has disallowed any new school construction projects from qualification for State funding through local bonded debt reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned disallowance has resulted in a lack of State participation in school construction funding for the organized area under the current system; and

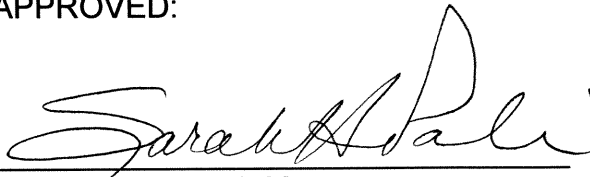
WHEREAS, this places a disproportionate burden on school districts in organized, tax paying areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 11, which would provide for a fifty percent state reimbursement for municipal school bond debt, has been introduced by Senators Halford and Green for consideration by the 20<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports Senate Bill 11 and urges the Alaska State Legislature's prompt and favorable consideration of this much needed legislation.


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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1997.

APPROVED:



SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:



MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC  
City Clerk