

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 02-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE
CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING MULTIPLE, MUNICIPAL OWNED, STATE
OPERATED PRISONS.**

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska recognizes the pressing need to reduce overcrowding in its prisons and bring home the 800 plus prisoners that are presently housed in out-of-state correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska expends approximately \$20 million annually to transport and house prisoners in out-of-state facilities; funds that if expended in the state of Alaska could significantly benefit state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, the development of new or expanded prisons in Alaska's municipalities would benefit Alaskans by providing much needed construction and permanent, year-round prison jobs; and

WHEREAS, maintaining prisoners within the state allows for them to be closer to their families and community which enhances the potential for prisoner rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, expansions of many of Alaska's existing prisons can be accomplished more cost effectively than by constructing new prisons; and

WHEREAS, Alaska State Department of Corrections has a long-standing history of providing consistent correctional practices that protect the public's safety, allow for community participation through government-to-government transactions and address statewide and regional correction needs.

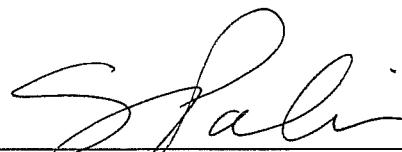
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council supports the general concept of a comprehensive statewide approach to prison development, where the financial and clinical benefits of expanding existing prisons are equally considered with the development of new prisons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that new or expanded prisons be owned by the municipalities and operated by the Alaska State Department of Corrections under a long-term lease with the relevant municipalities including the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on March 11, 2002.



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk



SARAH PALIN, Mayor

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