Requested by: Council Member Ron Cox

Meeting Date: January 23, 2006

Adopted: January 23, 2006

Vote: Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, and O'Neil in favor; Straub Opposed

CITY OF WASILLA RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 06-08(AM)

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL URGING THE STATE TO SHARE REVENUE WITH ALL ALASKAN COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, Alaska's great wealth is generated by the natural resources of regions, communities and cities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Alaska to share a portion of this natural resource wealth with communities of the State in order to enhance and continue the positive economic growth throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska currently has a budget surplus exceeding \$1 billion in this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the State ceased to fund all revenue sharing programs in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of revenue sharing had a significant negative effect on the ability of Alaska's cities and boroughs to provide essential service, with communities forced to reduce essential services and/or increase local taxes, fees and economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, restoration of a revenue sharing program would provide communities with funding to reduce local taxes, build infrastructure, grow the state economy, provide for increased quality of life and in some cases, provide for the survival of small communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla supports the Legislature and the Governor to work to reinstate the revenue sharing program or a community dividend program that will be beneficial for all Alaskan communities.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 23, 2006.

DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC

City Clerk

[SEAL]