

Sponsor: Assemblymember Doty
Adopted: 03/03/15

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 15-024**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 107 REGARDING THE COMPOSITION AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Territorial Legislature established the Board of Trustees over 100 years ago; and

WHEREAS, there have been 154 Regents in the past century; and

WHEREAS, only 4 of those Regents have been from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and only 2 from the Kenai Peninsula Borough area; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Regents have been from Anchorage with 37 and Fairbanks with 56; and

WHEREAS, in the last 40 years the Borough has significantly outpaced the other regions within the State in regards to the percentage of population growth; and

WHEREAS, school district expansion correlates to the population growth within the State, with the Borough having the second largest school district, followed by Fairbanks and Kenai; and

WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2013 an average of 12.6 percent of the University's degree-seeking freshman were from the Borough; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 107 will designate a seat on the Board of Regents for a resident of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is prudent to ensure that the fastest growing area of the State have a voice on the Board of Regents for the University of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports House Bill 107 and requests that the Alaska State Legislature adopt the changes to the qualifications and residency requirements for the Board of Regents for the University of Alaska.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 3 day of March, 2015.


LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, Colligan, Mayfield, Doty, and Halter