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TITLE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATE INCOME TAX

WHEREAS Alaska is in the throes of a \$3.8 billion budget deficit which grows closer to \$4 billion every day;

WHEREAS oil which has traditionally funded around 90% of the state's operating budget currently only funds around 20% due to low oil prices and diminishing production;

WHEREAS Alaskans have the lowest tax burden by far of any other state in the nation;

WHEREAS every Alaskan worker must be willing to participate in the shared sacrifice necessary to retain essential public services;

WHEREAS an income tax is among the least regressive taxes and will generate greater contributions from Alaska's most wealthy citizens;

WHEREAS non-resident workers took \$2.6 billion in earnings out of the state last year without paying any taxes whatsoever;

WHEREAS an income tax is only one part of a comprehensive solution to solving Alaska's massive budget deficit;

WHEREAS the governor has proposed an income tax equal to six percent of one's federal income tax liability, which for a married couple filing jointly earning gross income of \$100,000 annually with two child dependents and using only the standard deductions would amount to \$626;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AFL-CIO supports the governor's bills, Senate Bill 134 and House Bill 250 "An Act relating to the taxation of income of individuals"

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