Sponsored by: Assemblymember Colver

Adopted: 12/15/09

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 09-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING CHANGES IN STATE LAW TO ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS IN ALASKA TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FACILITY GRANTS.

WHEREAS, Alaska has many successful charter schools excelling in academics; and

WHEREAS, charter schools in Alaska have not been able to apply for Federal grants to provide for charter school classrooms and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the limit on the number of charter schools in Alaska needs to be repealed to be eligible to apply for Federal grants; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska needs to establish a matching fund with a minimal amount of funding per pupil to be eligible to apply for Federal charter school facility grants; and

WHEREAS, a matching fund will have a minimal fiscal impact;
WHEREAS, without the charter schools in the Mat-Su School
District, the District would not have adequate space to house
all of the students; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska Susitna Borough Assembly supports legislation to change state law to allow Alaskan charter schools to comply with federal requirements to apply for facility grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly respectfully requests of Governor Parnell and the Alaska State Legislature a change in State law allowing charter schools in Alaska to apply for federal facility grants.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 15 day of December, 2009.

TALIS J COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Woods, Houston, Arvin, Ewing, Bettine, Colver, and Halter.