

1 By: Luke Hopkins, Mayor  
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3 Adopted: 02/13/2014  
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6 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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8 RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 09  
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10 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADOPT THE  
11 RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION 13-01 OF THE ALASKA  
12 WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD  
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14 WHEREAS, the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board is a public  
15 organization that is accountable to the residents, Legislature and Governor of Alaska  
16 and that acts as the lead agency for adjudicating disputes under the Alaska Worker's  
17 Compensation Act, to ensure quick, efficient and fair payments of benefits to injured  
18 workers at a reasonable cost to employers; and,  
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20 WHEREAS, despite a 14.2% decline in the frequency of worker's  
21 compensation claims over the past 5 years, Alaska has seen its workers' compensation  
22 premium rates climb to the highest in the nation; and,  
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24 WHEREAS, workers' compensation medical costs have increased 25%  
25 over the last 5 years and are the primary driver in the increase in premium with \$0.75  
26 of every \$1.00 spent on workers' compensation benefits being spent on medical cost;  
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29 WHEREAS, identical medical services paid by a workers' compensation  
30 claim versus private insurance or self-pay is often multiples higher; and,  
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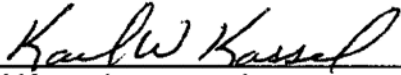
32 WHEREAS, Resolution 13-01 of the Alaska Workers' Compensation  
33 Board identifies changes needed to address the escalating workers' compensation  
34 costs while protecting the rights of workers to fair and reasonable compensation when  
35 injured while working; and,  
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37 WHEREAS, legislative action to implement the changes recommended in  
38 Resolution 13-01 of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board is in the best interest of  
39 the Fairbanks North Star Borough, its residents, and its employers.  
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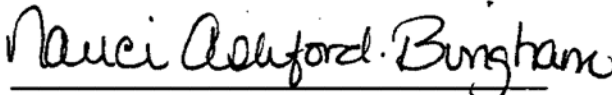
41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the  
42 Fairbanks North Star Borough supports legislative action to adopt the recommended  
43 changes outlined in Resolution 13-01 of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board.  
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46 BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be  
47 sent to the Alaska Interior Delegation and the Honorable Governor Sean Parnell.

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49 PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014.  
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Karl Kassel  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Nanci Ashford-Bingham, MMC  
Borough Clerk

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52 Ayes: Hutchison, Golub, Roberts, Dodge, Davies, Kassel  
53 Noes: Lawrence  
54 Excused: Sattley, Dukes