

**DENALI BOROUGH ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 20-02**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 50, SPONSORED BY SENATOR
BISHOP, A BILL TO RAISE NEW REVENUE IN SUPPORT OF CAPITAL
NEEDS IN THE STATE'S K-12 SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, from 1919 to 1980, Alaska, as a Territory and a State, imposed an annual employment head tax for the purpose of funding schools; and

WHEREAS, when repealed in 1980, the tax was \$10 per person, which has the equivalent value of \$30 today; and

WHEREAS, the current budget deficit of the State of Alaska constrains the state's ability to address deferred maintenance needs and new school construction needs in our school system; and

WHEREAS, SB 50, which revives the employment head tax imposed on both residents and nonresidents, is estimated to raise \$13 million annually; and

WHEREAS, these new funds will be accounted for separately and used to pay for the growing maintenance and construction needs of Alaska's K-12 schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough Assembly supports Senator Bishop's efforts, which have garnered bipartisan support, to address the capital needs of Alaska's schools and encourages the Alaska Legislature to favorably consider SB 50.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 12th day of February, 2020.



CLAY WALKER, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

CONNIE MACMASTER, BOROUGH DEPUTY CLERK

