

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 15-09

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL DESIGNATION FOR THE
TALLEST NORTHERN AMERICAN PEAK AS DENALI

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Assembly is the governing body of the Denali Borough, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Denali National Park is located within the Denali Borough; and,

WHEREAS, Denali National Park attracts over 400,000 visitors a year; and,

WHEREAS, visitors are immersed in both the natural and cultural history of the Park; and,

WHEREAS, Mount McKinley, located in Denali National Park, is the federal designation for the mountain, named after then governor of Ohio, William McKinley; and,

WHEREAS, the historic Athabaskan name is "Denali," meaning "the Great One" or "the High One"; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Geographic Names Board took action in 1975 to support a name change from Mount McKinley to Denali; and,

WHEREAS, in 1993 the Alaska Historical Commission was designated by statute to be the geographic names board for the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Historical Commission has steadfastly supported the name Denali, reaffirming their approval of the name change in 2001 and again in 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denali Borough Assembly, by this resolution, hereby supports Denali as the designated name of North America's tallest peak.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that while the Denali Borough Assembly supports Senate Bill 319, "A bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali", the Assembly suggests an amendment to Senate Bill 319 to designate the name simply as Denali, and encourages the United States Congress to approve this legislation.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 12TH day of AUGUST, 2015.

SIGNED: 
Mayor Clay Walker

ATTEST: 
Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk



AYES: SHREEVE, BOELSMA, ZIMMERMAN, DEBLAUW, BURROWS, EVANS, ZAPPONE and CHATFIELD
NOES: TATUM