

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 16-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
FUNDING STATE OF ALASKA REVENUE SHARING TO MUNICIPALITIES AND UNINCORPORATED
COMMUNITIES TO \$150 MILLION

WHEREAS, one of the key responsibilities of any State government is to ensure that municipalities have adequate resources to provide basic public services to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities are a political subdivision of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has provided Municipal Revenue Sharing for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and citizens struggle to pay the escalating costs of electricity, insurance, retirement, and transported goods; and

WHEREAS, until last year, municipalities have received a total of \$60 million per year beginning in 2008, which has been divided by 164 cities and boroughs within the state; and

WHEREAS, municipalities saw a decrease in FY 2015 Revenue Sharing as \$57 million was distributed between 200 municipalities and unincorporated communities; and

WHEREAS, if the legislature does not replenish the fund through the FY 2016 supplemental budget, then community revenue sharing distribution will decline to \$38 million; and

WHEREAS, a deduction or removal of revenue sharing programs will devastate municipalities statewide, forcing budget cuts and the abolishment of essential services; and

WHEREAS, replenishing the revenue sharing fund to \$150 million, will allow allocation of one-third towards revenue sharing in the amount of \$50 million to be shared with all 164 municipalities and approximately 50 unincorporated communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough Assembly respectfully requests the legislature to replenish the fund to the level of \$150 million through the FY 2016 supplemental budget and within the FY 2017 budget.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 10th day of February, 2016.



Clay Walker, Denali Borough Mayor

ATTEST: 

Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Ayes: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent: DEBLAUW

