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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2003-023**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL
IMPACT AID (PL-874), FEDERAL FUNDING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
MANDATES, AND FEDERAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT)**

WHEREAS, many Alaskan school districts and municipalities are in fiscal crises due to downturns in their resource economies; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has the highest percentage of federal ownership of any state, and thereby the highest relative cost of any state to provide public services to federal facilities and federal employees, including education, public safety, and transportation services, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of federal PILT is to reimburse municipalities for the expense of providing public services to federal lands and facilities, but according to the National Association of Counties, current PILT funding is only about 11% of the amount municipalities would receive in property taxes if the lands and facilities were privately owned, and

WHEREAS, according to the Association of Alaska School Boards and the National School Boards Association, our communities, in addition to the local share, have been paying the majority of the federal share of IDEA (Individuals With Disabilities In Education Act) funding. Federal funding accounts for approximately 16% of the necessary funding to meet this federal mandate. The remainder comes directly from the regular instructional program of local school districts, and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing public services to federal employees, facilities, and lands increases local tax burdens or loss of other public services for Alaskan families. This burden is greater for Alaskan families than other states because Alaska simply has more federal land and facilities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports increased equitable funding of school Impact Aid (PL-874), federal funding for Special Education mandates, and federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT).

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY
OF * 2003.**

Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk