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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH AS AMICUS CURIAE IN THE IN RE 2021 REDISTRICTING CASES

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) adopted Resolution No. 2021-36, providing the Alaska Redistricting Board with its comments regarding the reapportionment of the legislative districts in the FNSB; and

WHEREAS, The resolution supported a redistricting plan with contiguous and compact districts that keep communities of interest together; and

WHEREAS, At the meeting at which it adopted its final plan, the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted a plan that mischaracterized Assembly Resolution No. 2021-36 and the public testimony of Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, The Board adopted a Proclamation of Redistricting on November 10, 2021, and the adopted maps contain districts that do not adhere to the goal of combining geographic areas that contain interconnected neighborhoods and that share common interests and values; and

WHEREAS, Several lawsuits have been filed protesting this proposed reapportionment on a variety of grounds; the challenges by the City of Valdez and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough specifically include challenges to proposed House District 36, which places the Goldstream area of Fairbanks in a rural Interior villages district; and

WHEREAS, The Assembly desires participation in the redistricting litigation as an *amicus curiae* in order to advance the principles that districts should be compact, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska

34 contiguous, and socio-economically integrated, and that the excess population of the
35 Borough be placed into a single district.

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37 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
38 North Star Borough opposes the inclusion of the Goldstream area into a district that
39 ignores all historic socio-economic ties and severs Goldstream from its community of
40 interest.

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assembly authorizes the participation
43 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough as *amicus curiae* in support of the challenges brought
44 by the City of Valdez and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in the proceedings in the
45 superior court and, if necessary, the Alaska Supreme Court, and to take further actions
46 to support the Borough's interests in the matter.

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48 ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2022.

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52 Mindy O'Neall
53 Presiding Officer

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55 ATTEST:
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58 April Trickey, MMC
59 Borough Clerk