Sponsored by: Assemblymembers Yundt, Tew and McKee Adopted: 04/18/23

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 23-046

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF HB 105 RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, HB 105 was introduced on March 8, 2023, at the request of the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, AS 14.03.016 already mandates that a local school board shall promote involvement of parents in the school district's education program; and,

WHEREAS, AS 14.03.016 already mandates that a local school board must recognize the authority of a parent and allow a parent to object to and withdraw the child from an activity, class, or program; and,

WHEREAS, AS 14.03.016 already mandates that a local school board must provide a parent with an opportunity to review the content of an activity, class, performance standard, or program; and,

WHEREAS, under HB 105, state law will be amended to provide that school districts must adopt rules that provide for notice and affirmative written consent prior to any activity, class, or program that includes sensitive and personal content involving gender identity, human reproduction, or sexual matters; and,

WHEREAS, under HB 105, state law will be amended to recognize

the rights of parents to designate the official name used by schools when addressing or referring to enrolled students; and,

WHEREAS, under HB 105, state law will be amended to prevent school districts from refusing to release sensitive and personal student records to the child's legal parent or guardian; and,

WHEREAS, under HB 105, state law will be amended to recognize every child's right to privacy by requiring school districts to adopt procedures addressing the physical safety and privacy of students in locker rooms and restrooms in public schools; and,

WHEREAS, overall, HB 105 increases parental control over the educational affairs of their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports passage of HB 105 by the Alaska Legislature.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 18 day of April, 2023.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

ONNIE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

YES: Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Fonov, and Bernier

NO: Hale