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MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 22-004

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DECLARING THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS OF ALASKA STATUTE 29.20.060.

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 29.20.080 requires that not later than two months after the adoption of a final State redistricting plan under article VI, section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Assembly shall determine and declare whether the existing apportionment of the Assembly meets the standards of Alaska Statute 29.20.060; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a second-class, general law municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Alaska Statute 29.20.060(c), the Assembly does not provide for weighted voting; and

Whereas, pursuant to Alaska Statute 29.20.060(d), no member of the Assembly is elected or appointed by and from the council of a city in the borough; and

Whereas, pursuant to Alaska Statute 29.20.060(a), apportionment shall be consistent with the equal representation standards of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, according to the 2020 federal decennial census, the Borough has 107,081 total population, which divided by the seven

assembly districts results in a target population of 15,297 persons per district; and

WHEREAS, the deviation from the target population of the Assembly district with the largest population is 15.96 percent and that of the Assembly district with the smallest population is - 8.33 percent, resulting in a total deviation of 24.29 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough that the existing apportionment of the Assembly does not meet the equal representation standard required under Alaska Statute 29.20.060(A) and is therefore malapportioned;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration is directed to initiate the necessary steps for preparing information and alternatives for Assembly district apportionment and shall prepare an ordinance providing for a change in the existing apportionment to be placed before the voters.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 4 day of January, 2022.

EDNA DEVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE B. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Sumner, and Bernier