Adopted: 06/20/23

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 23-072

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY URGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA TO PREVENT THE USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS FOR ABORTION.

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2023, the Governor of the State of Alaska, Mike Dunleavy, delivered his State of the State address to the Alaska Legislature and proclaimed "It's no secret to anyone that I'm a pro-life governor and my administration is ready to work with all of you over the next four years to achieve the goal to make Alaska the most pro-life state in the country"; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alaska recently passed a budget which allows the use of taxpayer funds for abortion; and

WHEREAS, it is within the Governor's power to send the budget back to the Alaska State Legislature and let them explicitly prohibit abortion funding; and

WHEREAS, the Governor may have other avenues to prevent the use of taxpayer funds for abortion; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's refusal to use taxpayer funds to pay for abortion would constitute a quiet but tremendously strong witness to the Legislature and the people of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Therese Syren has recently penned an open letter to Governor Mike Dunleavy requesting the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly urges the Governor of the State of Alaska to prevent the use of taxpayer funds for abortion.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 20 day of June, 2023.

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

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

NO: Nowers, and Hale