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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 17-042**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR AIR QUALITY COORDINATION.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Borough) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have been collaborating to monitor air quality in the Borough since 1998; and

WHEREAS, DEC provides air quality monitoring stations, installed initially in response to concerns about wind-born dust from the Matanuska and Knik River drainages; and

WHEREAS, monitoring stations in the Butte and Palmer now measure wind-born dust (PM₁₀) and particulates associated with wood smoke (PM_{2.5}); and

WHEREAS, the Borough issues air quality alerts to the public in response to heightened air pollution levels as measured by the DEC; and

WHEREAS, the Borough maintains an air quality phone line which indicates the daily air quality levels and has conducted air quality public outreach to community councils, residents and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and DEC have been working closely together to address PM_{2.5} air quality exceedances in the Butte that

are above national health standards.

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding clarifies the responsibilities of the Borough and DEC in operating the air quality program and addressing current and future air pollution issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the Borough Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for air quality coordination.