Adopted: July 28, 2008

Vote: Massie, Menard, Metiva, Larson and Woodruff in favor; Holler absent

## CITY OF WASILLA RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 08-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF THE 2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Census is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation; and

WHEREAS every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years; and

WHEREAS a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council, that the City of Wasilla, Alaska supports the goals and ideals of the 2010 Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Wasilla agrees to:

- 1. disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage total community participation; and
- 2. ask local organizations and groups to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count within the City of Wasilla; and
  - 3. encourage residents to participate in Census promotional events; and
- 4. support initiatives that raise the overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on July 28, 2008.

DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC

City Clerk

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