

**RESOLUTION NO. 4657**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF A FULL \$60 MILLION INTO THE REVENUE SHARING FUND ON A YEARLY BASIS WITH A ONE-YEAR APPROPRIATION OF \$8 MILLION TO THE FUND WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, all of Alaska's boroughs and cities are appreciative to the Governor and the Legislature for the continuation of the Revenue Sharing program; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2008, municipalities have received a total of \$60 million per year to be divided among all boroughs, cities and unorganized communities in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, this money is a small share of the resource funding that is provided to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, \$60 million is also a small part of the total state-wide budget for the year; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are political subdivisions of the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, boroughs and cities can only raise their own money through increased taxes and/or fees; and

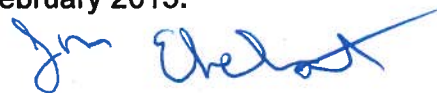
**WHEREAS**, in the past 2014 Legislative Session, the amount deposited into the Revenue Sharing fund dropped to \$52 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the larger municipalities use these funds to keep taxes as low as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the smaller municipalities use these funds to provide basic services, such as snow removal, public building maintenance, harbor upkeep, fuel and insurance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council requests the Alaska State Legislature to reinstate the amount of \$60 million on an annual basis into the Revenue Sharing Fund and also that the Alaska State Legislature appropriate an additional \$8 million to the fund with an effective date prior to June 30, 2015.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 9th Day of February 2015.



John Eberhart, Mayor

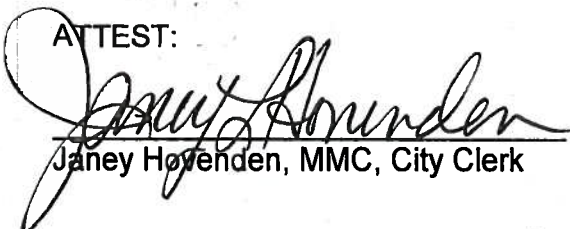
**AYES:** PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:** None

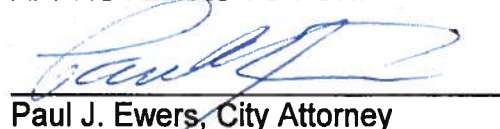
**APPROVED:** February 09, 2015

**ATTEST:**



Janey Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney