

Introduced by: Mayor John Eberhart
Date: March 10, 2014

RESOLUTION NO. 4618

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO ADOPT
THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUGGESTED BY THE ALASKA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD IN BOARD RESOLUTION 13-01**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board (Board) is a public organization that is accountable through its members to the residents, the Legislature, and the Governor of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Board acts as the lead state agency for adjudicating disputes under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act to ensure quick, efficient, and fair payments of benefits to injured workers at a reasonable cost to employers; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's workers' compensation premium rates are the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, medical costs comprise 75 cents of every dollar spent on workers' compensation benefits; and

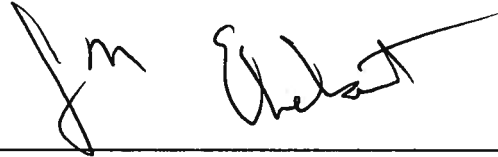
WHEREAS, medical benefit costs have risen 25% over the last five years despite a 14.2% decline in the frequency of workers' compensation claims over the same period; and

WHEREAS, Board Resolution Number 13-01 identifies changes needed to address the escalating workers' compensation costs while protecting the rights of workers to fair and reasonable compensation when injured while working; and

WHEREAS, legislative action to implement the changes recommended in Board Resolution Number 13-01 is in the best interest of the City of Fairbanks, its residents, and its employers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that the Council supports legislative action to adopt HB 316 and any other legislation that would implement the recommendations contained in Resolution Number 13-01 of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board.

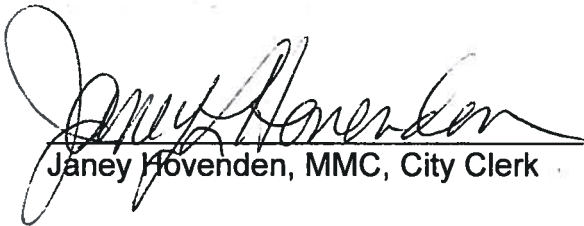
PASSED and APPROVED this 10th day of March 2014.



John Eberhart, City Mayor

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on Consent Agenda
NAYS:
ABSENT: Matherly
APPROVED: March 10, 2014

ATTEST:



Janey Hovenden, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Paul Ewers, City Attorney