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RESOLUTION NO. 07-02

A RESOLUTION ON DENALI COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS the Denali Commission (Commission) is a unique federal and state partnership guided by a seven member Commission which provides infrastructure, job training and economic development to Alaska's communities; and

WHEREAS the Denali Commission adopted Resolution 00-04 in Fiscal Year 2000 which approved a Denali Commission Code on operating procedures and policies; and

WHEREAS the Denali Commission has found that this Code is now inconsistent with current practices, laws and regulations that guide the Commission; and

WHEREAS the Commission has determined that it is not appropriate to adopt a Code but in order to resolve important internal procedures and practices the Commission is adopting this and additional resolutions; and

WHEREAS the Commission, through this resolution, is adopting internal meetings practices for meetings of the Commissioners as a body and its subcommittees; and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the Denali Commission to implement a fully open and transparent decision-making process that encourages and honors extensive public participation; and

WHEREAS it is the intent of the Denali Commission to exceed the federal open meeting law in order to achieve this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that;

(1) In general, except as provided in section (2) below, a meeting of the Commission shall be open to the public if:

- a. the Commission members take action on behalf of the Commission; or
- b. the deliberations of the Commission determine, or result in the joint conduct or disposition of, official Commission business.

(2) EXCEPTIONS- Except in a case where the Commission finds that the public interest requires otherwise, the Commission may close any portion of a meeting that is likely to:

- a. relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices
- b. disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged and confidential;
- c. involve accusing any person of a crime, or formally censuring any person; or
- d. disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy

The decision to close a meeting shall occur through a vote of the Commission taken in public session.

(3) PUBLIC NOTICE-

(A) **IN GENERAL-** At least two weeks before a meeting of the Commission, the Commission shall make a public announcement of the meeting that describes--

- i. the time, place, and subject matter of the meeting;
- ii. whether the meeting is to be open or closed to the public; and
- iii. the name and telephone number of an appropriate person to respond to requests for information about the meeting.

(B) **ADDITIONAL NOTICE-** The Commission shall make a public announcement of any change to the information made available under subparagraph (A) at the earliest practicable time.

(4) **MINUTES-** The Commission shall keep, and make available to the public, a transcript, electronic recording, or minutes from each Commission meeting, except for portions of the meeting closed under paragraph (2).

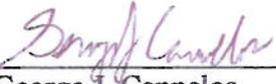
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following meeting practices are adopted by the Commission to ensure public notification and participation:

1. All Commission meetings, and meetings of Denali Commission committees or advisory committees, shall be open to the public, and provide an opportunity for public comments on all substantive agenda items (policies, priorities, project or program funding, etc.) prior to a decision or recommendation.
2. A meeting agenda outlining all major actions to be considered shall be made available to the public on the Commission's website at least 14 days in advance of a meeting.
3. Briefing material for Commission meetings, and meetings of Commission committees or advisory committees shall be made available to the public on the Commission's website at the same time they are provided to Commission, committee and advisory committee members.
4. A reasonable number of copies of agenda and packet, based on an estimate of the number of public attendees, shall be made available to the public at all meetings.
5. The Commission will use Robert's Rules of Order to guide the conduct of meetings but may alter these rules in order to efficiently conduct a meeting at any time with the approval a majority of Commissioner in attendance at a meeting.
6. By law the Commission, as a whole, will meet at least two times per year.
7. The Commission may meet telephonically and any Commissioner may participate as a voting member telephonically in any Commission meeting.

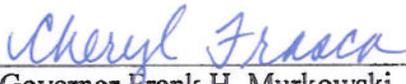
CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members (or their duly appointed alternate), of whom 6, consisting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 25th day of October, 2006, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 6 members, and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed and dated this 25th day of October, 2006



George J. Canelos
Federal Co-Chair



 Governor Frank H. Murkowski
State Co-Chair