

Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group
Resolution in Support of a Sustainable Long-Term Alaska State Fiscal Plan to
Address the Fiscal Budgetary Gap

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group recognizes the current State of Alaska budgetary fiscal crisis and the need for the Alaska State Legislature to provide leadership in this time of difficult decisions facing our state;

Whereas, it is imperative for the future of the State of Alaska and its people that the Legislature develop a sustainable long-term fiscal plan for FY 2018 and beyond, during this legislative session;

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group is committed to providing support to the Legislature in developing a long-term fiscal plan that minimizes costly unintended consequences;

Whereas, the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a long-term fiscal plan that invests in our human infrastructure, specifically young children and families, and includes revenue generation to minimize the use of the Budget Reserve;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group urges the Legislature to make budget decisions that maintain or increase services and support for young children and their families, often among the most vulnerable Alaskans; that do not incur the loss of federal matching dollars or otherwise jeopardize leveraged revenue to the State and to early childhood service providers; and that maximize all available funding opportunities;

Be it further resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a plan of revenue generation that may include a combination of strategies: use of permanent fund earnings reserve, capping the permanent fund dividend payouts, income tax, sales tax (seasonal or year-round), gas tax and other creative solutions, such as endowments or social impact bonds; and

Be it further resolved that the Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy Group supports a Legislature that puts Alaska's young children and families, our future, first by taking the necessary steps to provide all Alaskans with a long-term fiscal plan during the 2017 Legislative session creating economic viability for this year and years to come.

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