RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-15 A RESOLUTION REGARDING NATIONAL SKILLS STANDARDS AND INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, The Alaska Unified Plan specifically calls for the use of training to be based on the nationally recognized, industry-based skill standards and occupational certification; and

WHEREAS, The AWIB (AHRIC) also speaks to national standards and certifications through **Goal 3**, which states: "Strengthen the involvement and ability of business, industry and the education system to provide coordinated programs and service delivery to promote progressive, lifelong occupational learning, skill transferability, credential portability, and worker mobility."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Alaska Workforce Investment Board agrees:

- 1. To adopt and enforce a nationally recognized skill standard and industry certification program within the following three-year time line:
 - Current levels of service and gaps will be identified in the first year, while capacity among training providers is built and benchmark criteria are set.
 - In the second year, the training providers must show their progress towards alignment to the skill standards and show improvement on benchmark data along with continued capacity building.
 - In the third year, training providers must show progress towards alignment to skill standards and improvement in benchmark data and accountability measures.

At the beginning of the fourth year, training providers must be aligned with individual skill standards and competencies and be at the acceptable benchmark level in all accountability measures.

- 2. That the outcomes of training and education programs shall lead to or result in:
 - The attainment of a nationally recognized, industry-based skill standard or occupational certification.
 - The successful completion of a federally approved apprenticeship program.
 - The attainment of a post-secondary degree.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is comprised of 23 members, of whom 19, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 6th day of September, 2002, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 19 members, and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed this 23rd day of September 2002.

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Alice Galvin, Chair

Alaska Workforce Investment Board