RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-05 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP AS A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE ALASKA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is a public organization that is accountable through its members and staff to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall act as the lead state planning and coordinating entity for state human resource programs involving employment training, vocational education, and workforce development;

WHEREAS, the public workforce system is playing a leadership role in meeting the demands of the 21st century economy by catalyzing the implementation of innovative talent development and lifelong learning strategies that will enable American workers to advance their skills and remain competitive in the global economy; and Registered Apprenticeship, a critical postsecondary education, training and employment option available in every state in the country, is an important component of these talent development strategies;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration in Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 2-07 dated July 12, 2007 supports the use of Registered Apprenticeship by the workforce investment system as an effective approach to building a skilled and competitive workforce in regional economies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board officially supports the use of Registered Apprenticeship by the workforce investment system as an effective approach to building a skilled and competitive workforce in regional economies and increasing local hire in Alaska.

CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, and convened this 22nd day of October, 2007 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 22nd day of October 2007.

Andy Baker, Chair

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Alaska Workforce Investment Board