## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-01**

## RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board is a private industry driven public organization that is accountable through its members including representatives from business and industry, education, organized labor, and government to the residents, the Legislature and the Governor of Alaska;

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

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board recognizes and values the attributes that the Alaska Performance Scholarship provides to Alaskans graduating from an Alaskan high school;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board has noted the percentage of Alaskans entering postsecondary education is among the lowest in the nation;

WHEREAS, there is a growing drop-out rate and non-graduation rate in Alaska's secondary schools;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board believes that the scholarship program will provide incentives to Alaska students to attain higher performance in secondary school, complete their high school diploma, and plan to attend postsecondary education;

WHEREAS, the scholarships will also help lower the cost of education for Alaska students and leave them in better financial status as they complete certifications or degrees; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board endorses the Alaska Performance Scholarship.

## CERTIFICATION

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, and convened this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2011 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2011.

Jim Lynch, Chair

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