To: USUAA General Assembly
   Relevant, Interested Parties

From: Stacey Lucason - President, USUAA

Date: February 2, 2015

SIGNING STATEMENT - RESOLUTION #15-12

In signing Resolution #15-12 - Save Tanaina CDC: Shaping Future Seawolves, I wish to emphasize that USUAA is incredibly proud of the partnership that UAA has forged with the Tanaina Child Development Center over the last 35 years; this resolution indicates not only the USUAA Assembly's support of TCDC as an organization, but also that we wish to see the partnership between this entities continue.

Whether that be through utilizing space on the University campus, continuing relationships with various university departments, or any other of myriad means, USUAA sincerely hopes that the termination of this agreement does not mean the end of this incredible partnership.

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Resolution #15-12
Save Tanaina CDC: Shaping Future Seawolves

SPONSORED BY: David Diaz, Senator

WRITTEN BY: Sophie Leshan, Senator; Matthieu Ostrander, Senator; Stacey R. Lucason, President

ENDORSED BY: Tanaina Child Development Center

DATE: January 29, 2015

WHEREAS: The Tanaina Child Development Center (TCDC) was informed on January 27 that the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) intended to terminate the 1989 UAA-Tanaina agreement in its entirety, thus ending a successful 35-year partnership; and,

WHEREAS: The TCDC has been an integral part of the University of Alaska Anchorage Campus since 1979, providing vital childcare services to our campus community; and,

WHEREAS: The TCDC enables the UAA campus to serve the unique needs of commuter, non-traditional, working, and single-parent students; and,

WHEREAS: The TCDC is an essential recruiting tool for talented staff, faculty, and students; and,

WHEREAS: The TCDC has facilitated 73 UAA College of Education practicum student teaching experiences in the past three years, which have been especially helpful for on-campus resident students; and,

WHEREAS: The children of student parents make up over half of the children directly served by the TCDC, with 95% of Tanaina families affiliated with UAA; and,

WHEREAS: UAA Students make up 40% of teachers at the TCDC, with the majority of TCDC teachers holding or working towards completing degrees from UAA; and,

WHEREAS: According to the President of the Tanaina Board of Directors, 66% of students surveyed in the 2009 UAA Childcare Needs Survey mentioned that a lack of adequate childcare would hinder their educational or career prospects, while in a UAA Student Affairs survey in spring 2012, 23% of UAA undergraduate respondents affirmed they have a child they financially support; and,
WHEREAS: Nationally, almost 50% of student-parents drop out of college, with over 80% of student-parents indicating that the availability of childcare was very important* in their decision to attend college; and,

WHEREAS: The University of Alaska Board of Regents recognized the importance of an improved facility for the TCDC in December, when they approved a plan that included renovation work to the Wells Fargo Sports Complex (WFSC) that would correct deficiencies in their current space in areas of accessibility and safety, including but not limited to plumbing, fixtures, and equipment locations;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED
The Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) urges the administration of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) to recognize the importance of quality childcare services on our campus, particularly given our high number of non-traditional students; and

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED
USUAA requests clarification from the UAA Administration, and the UAA College of Education about the termination of a 35-year partnership with the Tanaina Child Development Center; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED
USUAA urges the UAA Administration to reconsider their decision to terminate its affiliation with the Tanaina Child Development Center; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED
USUAA recommends utilizing the Wells Fargo Sports Complex (WFSC) renovation as an opportunity to reaffirm the University’s partnership with the TCDC and engage in long-overdue expansion of the program, in order to best serve UAA students and the campus community; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED
That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Members of the University of Alaska Board of Regents; University of Alaska Anchorage Chancellor Tom Case; Acting Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Eric Pedersen; Associate Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Bill Spindle; Dean of Students and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Development Dr. Dewain L. Lee; Director of Student Life and Leadership Annie Route; and Assistant Director of Student Leadership Paula Fish.

The Assembly has passed the attached legislation by a 12-0-2 vote. This legislation required a majority vote of the Assembly, and has been through all of the Assembly's legislative processes. This requires the President's signature of approval or disapproval seven days from its receipt.

Speaker of the Assembly Jonathon Taylor

2/12/15 19:27

Date Time

President Stacey R. Lucason

2/2/15 19:40

Date Time

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Date of Meeting and Approval: ______________ Date of Receipt: ______________

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