

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 20-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING CHUKCHI CAMPUS AND
RECOGNIZING THE LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
CHUKCHI COLLEGE AND THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH.**

WHEREAS: in 1971 the University of Alaska established a “rural education center” in Kotzebue that became established as Chukchi Community College in 1978, and later as the newly-designated Chukchi Campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) in 1987; and

WHEREAS: the Chukchi Campus has played an invaluable role for the Northwest Arctic by providing higher education and training opportunities for our region that are critical to educating and training our people for a successful future; and

WHEREAS: under proposed budget cuts, the Chukchi Campus would convert to a center and be administered by the Northwest Campus in Nome, losing its federal status as an Alaska Native Serving Institution, core programs and ability to provide the same higher education opportunities for the region; and

WHEREAS: budget reductions to Chukchi Campus in the past five years have already and severely impacted programs and service delivery to the region; and

WHEREAS: current programs that are in the development include Inupiaq language and culture classes that could lead to an endorsement or certificate, dental assisting certificate, private pilot ground school, and developmental education classes with the Kotzebue High School to better prepare our students for college; and

WHEREAS: the Borough has a long history of supporting the Chukchi Campus through direct funding of the Consortium Library and indirectly by providing scholarships for its students through the Frank R. Ferguson Memorial Scholarship; and

WHEREAS: the reversion of the Chukchi Campus to an “education center” would be a significant loss for our youth, and a disservice to the region as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY: the Northwest Arctic Borough expresses its continued support for the Chukchi Campus and urges the University of Alaska and the State of Alaska to continue funding and staffing Chukchi Campus at the current level.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

Nathan Hadley, Jr.

Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

Lucy S. Nelson

Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

Stella Atoruk

Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

