

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Resolution No. 2020-01**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL No. 193
"AN ACT ADDING A SECOND VERSE TO THE OFFICIAL STATE SONG"**

WHEREAS, the song "Alaska's Flag," with music composed by Elinor Dusenbury is the official song of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, words to the first verse were written by Marie Drake, former assistant commissioner of education, adopted by the Territorial Legislature in 1955, and gifted to the University of Alaska in April 1960; and

WHEREAS, words to the second verse were written by Carol Beery Davis, an Alaskan pioneer and poet laureate, and gifted the to the University of Alaska Foundation in February 1987; and

WHEREAS, students from Juneau's Glacier Valley Elementary School: Sit' Eetí Shaanáx have come together to help draft the bill to make the second verse of the "Alaska's Flag" song official; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the school district is "In Juneau, we partner to provide each student with meaningful, relevant, and rigorous learning experiences in order to graduate diverse, engaged citizens prepared for a changing world."; and

WHEREAS, the second verse is inclusive of Alaska cultures and recognizes Benny Benson, a 13 year old Alaska Native boy who designed the Alaska Flag; and

WHEREAS, an overarching strategy of the district is to actively create an environment of collaboration where staff, students, families and community engage to support all students; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau School District celebrates all cultures in our great state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Juneau School District calls upon the Legislature to pass HOUSE BILL No. 193 "AN ACT ADDING A SECOND VERSE TO THE OFFICIAL STATE SONG".

ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2020, at Juneau, Alaska.

Brian Holst, President

Attest:

Paul Kelly, Clerk