

**ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD
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**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALASKA JUNIOR THEATER'S 20TH
ANNIVERSARY SEASON:**

WHEREAS, Alaska Junior Theater is a private, non-profit organization that, for 20 years, has been using the professional performing arts to reach, and teach, the youth of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Junior Theater's programs expose approximately 25,000 children and families in the Anchorage area, each year, to the wonders of the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Junior Theater has maintained a policy of keeping ticket prices low for school field trip performances; and

WHEREAS, for many children and families, this is their *only* exposure to live performing arts; and

WHEREAS, live performing arts, such as theater, music, and dance, are often able to reach children who may be difficult to reach in a traditional classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, arts and culture are the ways in which individuals and communities express themselves, find meaning, and experience the joys and sorrows of being human; and

WHEREAS, through its presentations to young people, Alaska Junior Theater is helping to grow the audience for the performing arts for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Junior Theater has been a valuable partner with the Anchorage School District in educating the young people of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Junior Theater has consistently presented programs in line with Anchorage School District curriculum, and provided study guides to teachers to enhance those themes; and

WHEREAS, during the past 20 years, Alaska Junior Theater has brought the joys of theater to almost 500,000 children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Junior Theater is beginning its 20th Anniversary Season;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage School Board supports this occasion of their 20th Anniversary to formally thank and honor Alaska Junior Theater for the important role it plays in the lives of Anchorage's children and our community.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage School Board on this 24th day of September 2001.

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