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**COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
PWSAC CONFERENCE ROOM
500 FIRST STREET IN CORDOVA
AGENDA**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor James Kallander, Council members Keith van den Broek, James Kacsh, David Allison, Bret Bradford, EJ Cheshier, David Reggiani, and Robert Beedle

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA..... (voice vote)

D. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

E. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

- 1. Audience Comments regarding agenda items

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Council briefing from EMO (emergency management organization)

- 3. Resolution 01-12-06..... (voice vote)(page 1)

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supporting Cordova School District's emergency weather closure of Cordova City Schools

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Sessions: Subjects which may be discussed are: (1) Matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the government; (2) Subjects that tend prejudice the reputation and character of any person; provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) Matters which by law, municipal charter or code are required to be confidential; (4) Matters involving consideration of governmental records that by law are not subject to public disclosures.

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**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 01-12-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EMERGENCY WEATHER
CLOSURE OF CORDOVA CITY SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2012 the Mayor and City Manager declared a disaster emergency in the community of Cordova and activated the emergency operations plan which was quickly and unanimously confirmed by the City Council as Resolution 01-12-05 which was passed on January 9, 2011; and

WHEREAS, many public and private buildings in Cordova were deemed unsafe and were in desperate need of snow removal due to the record amount of snow especially on roofs, in entryways and near windows; and

WHEREAS, joint meetings of the City Manager (Incident Commander), Vice-Mayor and School Superintendent during the course of the emergency led to decisions to keep students home and out of harm's way instead of attending school in buildings that were still covered and surrounded by snow and ice and which were in the process of being shoveled off manually as well as with the use of heavy-equipment; and

WHEREAS, throughout the emergency, Cordova's secondary streets were reduced to single lane limited travel accessibility to and from the school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Commissioner of Education is given the authority to approve such school closures as substitute days in session according to Alaska Statute Section 14.03.030 (2).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska does hereby support Cordova School District's emergency weather closure and encourages the State of Alaska Commissioner of Education to utilize the aforementioned statute and allow Cordova School District to use the emergency days as substitute days in session.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2012

David Reggiani, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk

Sec. 14.03.030. School term.

A school term begins and ends on the dates fixed by the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less than 180 days in session unless, with the approval of the commissioner,

(1) a day used for in-service training of teachers is substituted for a day in session, up to a maximum of 10 days;

(2) an "emergency closure day" is substituted for a day in session because of conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of students; or

(3) the school board adopts a different school term that includes at least 740 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade and at least 900 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in grades four through 12 if the commissioner finds that the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under which students will receive the approximate educational equivalent of a 180-day term.

Sec. 14.03.040. Day in session.

Each day within the school term is a day in session except Saturdays, Sundays, and days designated as holidays by or according to [AS 14.03.050](#). A school board may approve Saturdays as a day in session. The day in session in every school shall be at least four hours long, exclusive of intermissions, for the first, second, and third grades and five hours, exclusive of intermissions, for all other grades. The commissioner may approve a shorter day in session for any grade. The period of the day in session shall be devoted to the instruction of pupils or to study periods for the pupils.