

**Resolution of the State Board of Education & Early Development  
Recognizing the Outstanding Leadership of Interim Commissioner  
Barbara Thompson**

**Resolution 02-2008**

Barbara Thompson has served as Interim Commissioner of Education & Early Development since August 18, 2007; and

Commissioner Thompson has brought to the position a wealth of experience and knowledge that allowed her to immediately perform her duties effectively; and

Commissioner Thompson has displayed professionalism, a calm demeanor and good humor in leading the department and advising the board during a time of transition, which instilled confidence; and

Commissioner Thompson has ably led the department as it refines its practices in the important task of assisting struggling schools and districts to improve; and

Commissioner Thompson has guided the department during the initial phases of Alaska Career Ready, a program that prepares students to transition to the workplace or college; and

Commissioner Thompson has continued to expand and improve the successful Alaska Statewide Mentor Project, which assists beginning teachers and principals; and

Commissioner Thompson has worked to involve stakeholders in the department's initiatives; and

Commissioner Thompson has earned the respect of board members, educators, legislators, department staff and members of the public; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development hereby expresses deep appreciation for Commissioner Thompson's efforts on behalf of Alaska's schoolchildren.

May 29, 2008

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