

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President (B) for K.C.
Hall Smalley, Assembly Vice-President (B) for H.S.

DATE: February 13, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-017, Requesting the State of Alaska to Provide Necessary Funding to the Alaska Wing Civil Patrol at a Minimum of \$184,300 to Provide Support for Utility Costs, Insurance Premiums and Emergency Roof Repair (Cooper, Smalley)

The Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) provides critical services to our state including over 50% of all search and rescue missions and education and training to youth. This volunteer organization with over 750 members statewide, including approximately 140 aircrew personnel, 255 cadets and 464 emergency responders provided approximately \$2.6 million of value in volunteer hours in 2018 (latest available figures).

For the first time in recent history, the State of Alaska did not provide funding to the CAP in FY 2020. The CAP has a long cooperative relationship with the state based in part on the state's obligation to provide search and rescue services. The minimum funding request from the CAP of \$184,300 would cover insurance premiums, utility costs and emergency roof repair for the organization, allowing it to continue operations without compromising its response time and mission effectiveness.

With over seventy years of presence on the Kenai Peninsula, and a home at the Kenai airport since the 1950's, the CAP is an important partner in our borough. Your support of this resolution is appreciated.