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Action: Adopted
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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2020-017**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO PROVIDE
NECESSARY FUNDING TO THE ALASKA CIVIL AIR PATROL AT A MINIMUM OF
\$184,300 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR UTILITY COSTS, INSURANCE PREMIUMS
AND EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is the official civilian volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force with over 750 members statewide, including approximately 140 aircrew personnel, 255 cadets, 464 emergency responders and 18 single engine aircraft; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol performs over 50 percent of the search and rescue missions in the state from 20 locations and also provides aerospace education for Alaska's youth; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has performed search and rescue missions in Alaska and on the Kenai Peninsula for over 70 years, and has had a presence at the Kenai Airport since the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol provided approximately \$2.6 million of value in volunteer hours in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol funding was reduced to \$304,440 in 2018; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in recent history the State of Alaska provided no funding in 2019 to the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, the attached February 2020 Civil Air Patrol background paper of funding shortfall identifies the minimum funding required to maintain current alert posture; and

WHEREAS, the state is responsible for search and rescue within the state pursuant to state law and conducting and managing search and rescue operations are one of the eight core missions of the Alaska State Troopers; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 18.60.146 provides that the Department of Public Safety shall make the necessary administrative arrangements for maintaining liaison between the state and Civil Air Patrol and the expenditure of money appropriated to the department for state contribution toward support of authorized activities of the Alaska Wing Civil Air patrol, under its charter; and

WHEREAS, without financial assistance the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol will likely place outlying facilities in “cold storage” and shift utility and maintenance costs to local Alaska Wing units, negatively impacting response time and mission effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, without the assistance of the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and its trained volunteers, conducting search and rescue missions in Alaska will be seriously compromised; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and state for the state to continue providing funding to the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol;

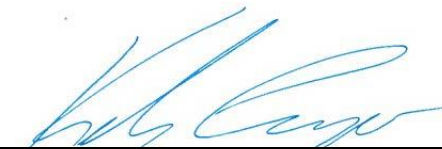
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests that Governor Dunleavy and the Alaska State Legislature provide funding of \$184,300 to the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol in 2020 to ensure the continued level of search and rescue provided to the state and its resident and visitors.

SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Michael J. Dunleavy, Senator Peter Micciche, Senator Gary Stevens, Senate Finance Co-Chairs Bert Stedman and Natasha Von Imhof, Representative Gary Knopp, Representative Ben Carpenter, Representative Louise Stutes, Representative Sarah Vance, House Finance Co-Chairs Neal Foster and Jennifer Johnston, and the legislators of the 31st Legislative Session.


SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

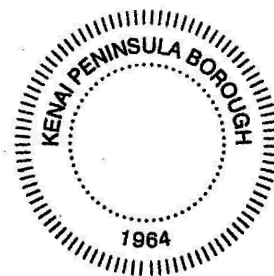


Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper
No: None
Absent: None