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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2020-032

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY SUPPORT PASSING ON A PORTION OF FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT FUNDING TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT REVENUE LOSS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- WHEREAS, the borough mayor issued a Disaster Emergency Declaration on March 16, 2020, due to the current and expected imminent impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the areas of the Kenai Peninsula Borough outside of the cities; and
- WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, President Trump signed a massive \$2 trillion coronavirus stimulus package, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act); and
- **WHEREAS**, the package provides targeted relief to American workers, hospitals, industries, and state and local governments; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Peninsula Borough anticipates revenue losses of \$17.2 million in the next 24 to 30 months as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the negative economic impact that businesses and individuals are experiencing during this federally declared disaster; and
- **WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough has deferred critical capital projects and needed emergency services staffing as we anticipate an economic contraction reducing the borough's ability to collect property and sales taxes, which directly impact the borough's capacity to fund needed major maintenance, capital items and emergency services staffing; and
- **WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska is expected to receive \$1.25 billion in federal money for state and local governments who are dealing with the impacts of the crisis in their local communities; and
- **WHEREAS,** the State of Alaska having no localities in excess of 500,000 in population will receive the entire \$1.25 billion in relief and have the opportunity to distribute up to 45 percent of the allocation to local governments as a pass though;

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

- **SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests Governor Dunleavy's support in passing on 45 percent of the Federal CARES Act funding to local Alaska municipalities that have experienced significant revenue loss as result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- **SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly requests Governor Dunleavy's support in providing stimulus funding for needed capital items and emergency services staffing deferred as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

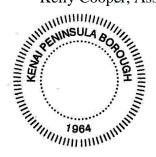
SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

ATTEST:

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Kelly Cooper, Assembly President



Yes:

Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper

No: None

Absent: None