

RESOLUTION 2020-21

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE FROM CARES ACT FUNDING RECEIVED BY THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH FOR A HIGH CAPACITY MOLECULAR TESTING PLATFORM THAT WILL BE LOCATED AT CENTRAL PENINSULA HOSPITAL

1. **WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease outbreak (COVID-19); and
2. **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of Alaska declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus; and
3. **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus; and
4. **WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough declared a local Disaster Declaration concerning the Novel Coronavirus; and
5. **WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2020, the United States Congress passed H. R. 748, a \$2 trillion economic stimulus bill known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to provide aid and economic relief to individuals, businesses, healthcare facilities and state and local governments; and
6. **WHEREAS**, on May 20, 2020 the Alaska State Legislature passed House Bill 343 which ratified the governor and executive branch plan for expending \$1.25 billion of CARES Act funding received by the State of Alaska; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the Kenai Peninsula Borough is slated to receive a first installment of approximately \$21,325,715 in restricted CARES Act, Coronavirus Relief Fund funding that will be distributed for eligible projects that must be spent under the guidelines of Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act; and
8. **WHEREAS**, no reliable, high capacity testing platform exists on the Kenai Peninsula; and
9. **WHEREAS**, all specimens collected on the Kenai Peninsula must be sent via courier to Alaska or Fairbanks state labs, one Anchorage hospital lab, or several out of state commercial labs where it takes anywhere from two to six days to receive results; and
10. **WHEREAS**, due to lack of a centrally located high capacity testing, less than 3% of the population of the Kenai Peninsula Borough has been tested for COVID-19; and
11. **WHEREAS**, discussions with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor and South Peninsula Hospital, have determined that COVID-19 testing for borough residents is neither rapid, reliable or ubiquitous as necessary to protect our communities; and

12. **WHEREAS**, Central Peninsula Hospital, South Peninsula Hospital (both borough-owned hospitals) and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor have determined the purchase of a centralized high capacity rapid test system is necessary to protect borough residents and businesses under the multiple declared COVID-19 public health emergencies at the federal, state, and local levels as the pandemic continues to plague and disrupt our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL PENINSULA GENERAL HOSPITAL, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ALASKA CORPORATION, THAT:

SECTION 1. The CPGH, Inc., Board of Directors supports the expenditure of Kenai Peninsula Borough Coronavirus Relief Funds received from the State of Alaska to purchase a high capacity molecular testing instrument and deems this purchase a necessary expenditure due to the Coronavirus Disease under Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

SECTION 2. The CPGH, Inc. Board of Directors supports the installation of this testing platform at Central Peninsula Hospital.

SECTION 3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

I certify that the above resolution was approved by vote of the Board of Directors of Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. on May 28, 2020.

Date May 28, 2020

Irv Carlisle, Secretary/Treasurer
CPGH, Inc. Board of Directors