

Sponsored by: Assemblymember Boeve
Adopted: 04/07/20

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 20-024**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDING TO THE ALASKA WING CIVIL AIR PATROL AT A MINIMUM OF \$184,300 TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR UTILITY COSTS, INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIR.

WHEREAS; the Civil Air Patrol is the official civilian volunteer auxiliary of the United States Airforce 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 fifty 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 for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol provided approximately \$2.6 million 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 provided no funding to the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the attached February 2020 Civil Air Patrol background paper of funding shortfall identifies the minimum needed funding 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 Borough and the State for the State to continue providing funding to the Alaska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly requests that the Governor and 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.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7 day of April, 2020.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Sumner, and Boeve