

Sponsored By: Assemblymembers Hale, Nowers,  
and Bernier

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 24-055**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING AND ENCOURAGING THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO HOLD ADDITIONAL MEETINGS FOR THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION AND GATHER MORE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE EXPANSION OF THE CHICKALOON TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL COMMISSIONS.

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WHEREAS, the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council is seeking a memorandum of understanding with the Alaska State Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding would issue a limited Special Commission to certain Chickaloon Tribal Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature has granted power of issuing such Special Commissions to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the Special Commission would significantly expand the enforcement powers of the Chickaloon Tribal Police Department; and

WHEREAS, approximately 120 Borough residents attended a 3-hour meeting on April 10, 2024, to listen to the information being presented and ask questions of the Alaska State Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the communities affected by this decision still have many questions and concerns that they feel have not yet been adequately answered; and

WHEREAS, it is important that additional meetings be held for the Alaska State Department of Public Safety to listen to the concerns of the community and provide information to unanswered questions; and

WHEREAS, public interest is more likely to be served when the community feels like they have been heard prior to the Commissioner making a final decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly requests and encourages the Commissioner of the Alaska State Department of Public Safety to conduct additional meetings to listen to the concerns and answer questions of the public to ensure that a thorough public process has been conducted prior to making a final decision on the memorandum of understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly requests the Commissioner of the Alaska State Department of Public Safety keep the Assembly informed and regularly updated on the progress of the Chickaloon Tribal Police Department Special Commission and any other special commissions within the Borough that the Alaska State Department of Public Safety may consider in the future.

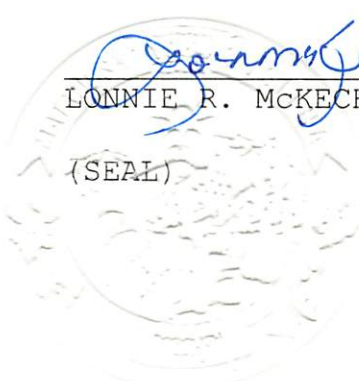
ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7 day  
of May, 2024.

  
EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Gamble, Fonov,  
and Bernier

