

By: Assemblymember Beck  
Adopted: 08/07/18

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 18-050**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESTROOM FACILITY ON THE ALASKA STATE FAIRGROUNDS.

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the home of the Alaska State Fair; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes and appreciates the contributions that Alaska State Fair, Inc. makes to the socio-economic climate in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes that the Alaska State Fair (Fair) is the flagship of cultural and entertainment activities for the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, 95 percent of Fair events and activities are offered to fairgoers at no extra cost; and

WHEREAS, the annual Fair attracts an average of approximately 300,000 attendees each year; and

WHEREAS, an additional 50,000 people attend various activities on the fairgrounds on non-fair days throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, based on a recent socio-economic study, the annual financial impact of the Fair from operations is \$22,000,000, which is partially generated by over 500 vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Fair employs 1,700 Alaskans, which creates a payroll that exceeds \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, according to the study, the all-inclusive payroll during the Fair is estimated to be \$3,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes that the goal of the Fair's governing board is "to make attending the Alaska State Fair an enjoyable experience without concern for life, health, and safety for attendees and their families"; and


WHEREAS, Alaska State Fair, Inc. and the Fair's General Manager are working to design and construct an 1,850 square-foot permanent restroom facility on the Yellow Trail, next to the Gathering Place Alaska Native Theme Park, at a cost of \$650,000; and

WHEREAS, the decision to construct the facility was based on convenience and safety in order to eliminate the need for sewer service trucks during crowded fair days, as well as being based on future needs due to increases in Fair attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly supports the Fair's efforts to raise funds and construct the Yellow Trail Restroom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Borough takes pride in being the home to the Alaska State Fair and appreciates the contributions it has made to the Borough over the last 82 years.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7 day  
of August, 2018.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk  
(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, McKee, Leonard, Mayfield, Doty, and  
Kowalke

