Adopted: 04/17/18

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 18-022

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF THE KNIK TRIBAL COUNCIL'S 2018 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT APPLICATION.

WHEREAS, the Borough's Historical Preservation Commission is to advise the Assembly in the identification of sites and objects within the Borough that are of historic, cultural, or geographic importance; and

WHEREAS, the surveying of sites is a necessary condition in identifying sites and objects of historic importance; and

WHEREAS, Borough code requires the Historical Preservation Commission coordinate, assist, and aid in the planning of historical preservation and restoration projects in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Tribal Council recently asked the Historical Preservation Commission to provide a letter of support for a grant application titled "2018 National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant" due in early May; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 grant application will allow them to continue work with the testing of the 73 cultural features found on six of the parcels identified in an earlier cultural resource survey in 2016; and

WHEREAS, this testing will consist of obtaining soil samples and completing a chemical analysis to determine the existence of fire hearths and other cultural significant items; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Preservation Commission was unable to act on this request prior to the grant application deadline due to lack of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Historic Preservation Plan places significance on preservation of historic items; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge gained from the results of this grant project will be beneficial to the preservation of our historical assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the Knik Tribal Council's 2018 National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant application.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 17 day

of April, 2018.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LØNNE R. MCKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

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

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