

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

**AGENDA OF:** January 15, 2019

**Assembly Action:**

Approved under the Consent Agenda  
1-15-19 [Signature]

**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

**APPROVED BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:** [Signature]

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - T. EISCHEID	T/E	
1	Planning and Land Use Director	CP	
	Finance Director	[Signature]	
2	Borough Attorney	[Signature]	
3	Borough Clerk	JAM	1/7/19 [Signature]

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Fiscal Note: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO X  
Resolution Serial No. 19-012 (2 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is designated a certified local government by the State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology. This designation allows the borough to receive grant monies for historic preservation. One requirement for maintaining status as a certified local government is the development of a historic preservation plan. Background research has indicated some efforts at developing a comprehensive historic plan for the Borough, but these efforts were never completed with an adopted plan by the Assembly.

The purpose of developing a historic preservation plan is to help effectively and efficiently facilitate historic preservation in the borough. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough has many prehistoric and historic assets that are of interest to residents and visitors alike. Identifying, preserving, and interpreting these assets are

key to helping residents develop a sense of place and pride in their communities. These assets not only "tell our story", but offer economic benefits. The historic Iditarod trail and race provide just one example of our history, our story, and associated economic impact.

This project supports many of the borough's historic preservation interests as outlined in MSB 4.46, Historical Preservation Code. A comprehensive, long-term historic preservation plan will help protect our community's cultural resources and strengthen historical preservation partnerships with the many museums and historical societies within the borough. The Matanuska-Susitna Historical Preservation Commission unanimously passed resolution 18-04 at their December 13, 2018 meeting, recommending support for creating an updated historic preservation plan for the Borough.

The State of Alaska Office of History and Archaeology is offering grants to support historic planning efforts by Certified Local Governments. The borough's Department of Planning and Land Use has submitted an application to initiate a historic preservation planning process, and Assembly support is required for any grant awarded.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:** Staff respectfully requests Assembly approval of resolution 19-012 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the development of a historic preservation plan for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.