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Adopted: 11/17/20

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 20-110**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF A BID TO HOST THE 2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Arctic Winter Games brings our circumpolar communities closer together by providing an opportunity for youth to interact and engage through sports competition and cultural exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Arctic Winter Games will provide the Borough with the opportunity to showcase its local community and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Games support the sharing and exchange of cultural values amongst a diverse group of people; and

WHEREAS, the Games highlight the positive impact of sports, via friendly competition, on mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has not had the opportunity to host the Arctic Winter Games even though Alaskans have participated in each Games since its inception in 1970; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Arctic Winter Games have been designated to be held in the state of Alaska and the opportunity to host may not come around for another 10-12 years; and

WHEREAS, the hosting of an internationally recognized event will create an influx of visitors during the off-peak season, thereby giving an economic boost to businesses within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Games provide an opportunity to showcase the Borough's world class sports facilities, while also providing the opportunity to expand and improve those facilities for the benefit of the communities' residents and increased economic growth; and

WHEREAS, a bid to host the Arctic Winter Games, will include engagement of key community leaders, plans for the care, feeding and transportation of athletes from international contingents competing in multiple sporting activities, cultural activities, and opening and closing ceremonies, all of which will be attended by the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any bid to host the Arctic Winter Games must be approved by the Assembly prior to submittal of the bid.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 17 day
of November, 2020.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

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