NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 21-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA’S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) COVID STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS TOWARD A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS: the Northwest Arctic Borough (‘Borough’) wishes to access and utilize all available support for lost state and local revenue resulting from the COVID-19 global health pandemic; and

WHEREAS: the Alaska legislature appropriated $50 million from the State’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds toward a local government relief grant program to promote economic recovery and continuity of government services to local governments that experienced revenue loss due to COVID-19, to be administered by the State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED), Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA); and

WHEREAS: under this grant program, Alaska municipal governments are eligible for this program if the government demonstrates at least a 10% revenue loss in 2020 revenue according to DCRA’s formula-based calculation tool, and the Northwest Arctic Borough qualifies as such; and

WHEREAS: subsequent grant awards can support a variety of government services, including but not limited to: maintenance of infrastructure, pay-go spending for building new infrastructure (pay-go means financing expenditures with funds that are currently available rather than borrowed) including roads; modernization of cybersecurity; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and provision of police, fire, and other public safety services; and

WHEREAS: the funds may NOT be used to: pay interest or principal on outstanding debt, replenish rainy day or reserve funds, pay settlements or judgments; or, other expenditures not considered to be for the direct provision of government services; and
WHEREAS: in order to apply for this grant opportunity, the Borough must include in its grant application a resolution the Borough Assembly as its governing body; and

WHEREAS: participating in this grant opportunity is in the best interests of the Borough; and

WHEREAS: the Borough Assembly authorizes and supports the Borough’s application to and acceptance of the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Program through the State of Alaska and authorizes the Borough Administration to sign the application and associated agreements, in compliance with specific applicable state and federal requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY: the Northwest Arctic Borough Administration has Assembly support and authorization to apply for the State of Alaska’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds toward a local government relief grant program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Borough Administration is further authorized to execute any resulting grant agreements, including subsequent amendments as needed, and to accept awards through this grant program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor
SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST: