

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
RESOLUTION 20-53**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EMERGENCY DONATION TO
MANIILAQ ASSOCIATION TO MOBILIZE AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-
UP AND RESPONSE PROFESSIONAL FOR THE SHUNGNAC FUEL SPILL.**

WHEREAS: on June 20, 2020, approximately 15,000 gallons of heating oil spilled at the Shungnak School Tank farm; and

WHEREAS: the spill threatens the Kobuk River, which is about 160 feet away from the spill, and Shungnak's drinking water source, which is approximately 295 feet away from the spill; and

WHEREAS: the Borough recognizes the City of Shungnak's adoption of Resolution 2020-03 "A Resolution of the City of Shungnak Declaring a Disaster and Requesting State of Federal Assistance to Address a 15,000-Gallon Fuel Spill at the Shungnak Tank Farm"; and

WHEREAS: the Borough recognizes that Shungnak does not have sufficient resources to effectively contain and clean up the spill; and

WHEREAS: the Borough's Donation Policy permits the Mayor to provide emergency assistance; and

WHEREAS: the Mayor has approved an emergency funding donation in the amount of \$100,000 to Maniilaq Association to hire an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation-approved Primary Response Action Contractor to establish a spill response work plan, conduct a thorough site assessment, and generate a site assessment report that includes clean-up recommendations; and

WHEREAS: after reviewing Maniilaq's request for funding to hire an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation-approved Primary Response Action Contractor, the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly has determined that this emergency donation is in the best interest of Shungnak and all communities in the Northwest Arctic Borough that rely on the Kobuk River.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly hereby ratifies the Mayor's donation of \$100,000 to Maniilaq Association to hire an Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation-approved Primary Response Action Contractor to respond to the heating oil spill at the Shungnak School Tank farm.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2020.



Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2020.



Lucy S. Nelson, Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2020.



Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

