

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 22-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC  
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING AN ASSEMBLY  
DONATION UNDER THE FY23 BUDGET FOR THE  
CHUKCHI CONSORTIUM LIBRARY.**

**WHEREAS:** on an annual basis, the Borough receives donation requests from a variety of community and regional organizations, and the Assembly has often appropriated funds to meet certain donation requests; and

**WHEREAS:** under the Borough's FY23 Budget adopted by Ordinance 22-04, the Borough Assembly budgeted \$425,000 for FY23 donations through Account # 01-01-7050; and

**WHEREAS:** the Borough's Donation Policy requires organizations to submit requests for donations to receive funding under the FY23 budget; and

**WHEREAS:** after reviewing the University of Alaska Fairbanks Chukchi Consortium Library's request to help fund the Consortium Library, the Borough has determined that this donation will further a public purpose and facilitate services within the Borough that the Borough cannot otherwise provide.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly hereby approves an FY23 Assembly donation to the Chukchi Consortium Library in the amount of \$50,000.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

  
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**Nathan Hadley, Jr., Assembly President**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.**

  
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**Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor**

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022.

*Helena Hildreth*

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Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

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May 6, 2022

Dear Mayor Moto,

I would like to take this opportunity once again, to thank the Northwest Arctic Borough for its support of the Chukchi Consortium Library in FY2022. NWAB funding has been crucial to the operation of the library since the late 1980's. This longstanding partnership is quite remarkable and has persisted through very thin years as well as years of great stability.

As we come out from under the terrible grip of COVID and reflect on the past two years, we realize how important the library is to our residents. The library is open once again and people are coming back to use the services we provide.

We would like to request a NWAB contribution in the amount of \$100,000 for FY2023 support for the library. Borough funds will support the salary and benefits of our full-time permanent library director position. NWAB funding is critical to the operation of Chukchi Library. This funding pays for the Library Director, who is responsible for all library duties. Without Borough funding the library is facing certain closure in FY23.

As you are aware the University of Alaska experienced devastating budget cuts handed down by the governor these last three years. Those cuts trickled down to Chukchi Campus. Chukchi Library was almost completely unfunded except for a small materials budget. Because of this NWAB funds are more crucial this year than ever to the operation of the library. Currently Chukchi Campus covers the cost of internet, the library system, building operations and maintenance and all office supplies for the library.

As the University system recovers from years of budget cuts, there is a request in to the University Of Alaska Board Of Regents to re-fund the library in perpetuity with a full time librarian and materials to support the ever evolving collection. This request won't be reviewed for some months. This would bring the library back to adequate staffing, programming and would once again be able to service the entire NWAB.

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