



RESOLUTION 19-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING CONTINUED SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR THE ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION AND PUBLIC BROADCASTING IN ALASKA

WHEREAS, public broadcasting plays a vital role in Alaska, particularly in rural parts of the State that often have no other sources of information; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska support provided through the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission (APBC) is vital for rural radio stations, such as KSDP located in Sand Point, Alaska, that provide life-saving weather forecasting and warnings for mariners and fishermen, support and information for search and rescue efforts, public safety notifications, community announcements, state and national news, and local programming that fosters a sense of community in isolated cities and villages in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many rural communities served by public broadcast do not have private radio stations or other sources of news, weather, sports, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is proposing in his FY20 budget funding cuts of about \$3.6 million totally eliminating the APBC and all State support for public broadcasting in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the loss of this valuable asset of local and regional public broadcasting will probably close down rural stations that provide information to improve the safety, health, and well-being of rural Alaskans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aleutians East Borough opposes elimination of State support for the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission and funding to support public broadcasting in Alaska that provides timely, life-saving information, news, and entertainment to the residents of Alaska.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 14th day of March, 2019.



Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Clerk