

## **RESOLUTION 17-10**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A HELICOPTER SERVICES AMENDMENT WITH MARITIME HELICOPTERS, INC. TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER SERVICES BETWEEN THE AKUTAN AIRPORT ON AKUN ISLAND AND THE COMMUNITY OF AKUTAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and Maritime Helicopters, Inc. ("Maritime") entered into a Helicopter Services Agreement dated November 22, 2013 to provide transportation between the village of Akutan on Akutan Island and the Akutan Airport located on Akun Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the Helicopter Services Agreement was for a one-year term with options to renew for two additional one year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has exercised the two additional one-year renewal options and the current agreement ends on January 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, since the current agreement is about to expire an extension to continue helicopter operations needs to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is willing to continue providing subsidized helicopter service between the airport and community for an additional six (6) months extending the helicopter agreement to July 31, 2017, but is facing an unacceptable financial burden if it is required to carry the full cost of the subsidy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has requested \$1.5 million in State funding to provide the State share of the required subsidy for a two-year period; and

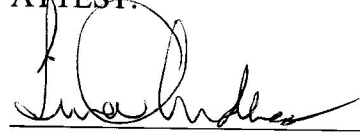
**WHEREAS**, a determination of the State's FY2018 budget should be determined prior to termination of the extended contract and the Borough will be able to make a decision on how to proceed with the transportation link.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Mayor to negotiate and execute a helicopter services amendment with Maritime to provide helicopter services between the Akutan Airport on Akun Island and the community of Akutan.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2016.

  
Stanley Maek, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tina Anderson, Clerk