

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF THE CO-SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AND THE CITY OF AKUTAN

WHEREAS, the Aleutians East Borough (AEB) entered into a Co-Sponsorship Agreement (CSA) in March 2010 with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the City of Akutan for the construction and operation of the Akutan Airport located on Akun Island; and

WHEREAS, the Borough agreed to provide reasonable public access between the airport and the community for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2014 via Resolution No. 15-06 the Assembly passed CSA Amendment No. 1, which provided for the substitution of the helicopter for the Akutan Airport link; allowed the use of funds needed to set up a fuel system in Akutan for the helicopter; removed the \$500,000 cash contribution by the City that had been budgeted for the purchase of a new hovercraft and provided for the use of funds to assess additional alternative transportation access that will reduce the current annual operational costs; and

WHEREAS, due to the high cost to maintain and operate the helicopter operation the Borough, State of Alaska and the City of Akutan have worked to find a solution to alleviate the Borough's financial burden; and

WHEREAS, per Amendment No. 2 a portion of the \$3,100,000 in State funds from the City of Akutan's FY2006 general fund grant, extended by re-appropriation in FY2014, will be used to help subsidize the costs of helicopter operations, and the deadline provided in CSA Amendment No. 1 for investigating, and if necessary, committing to an alternative access solution as set forth in Section 5 of Amendment No. 1 will be extended two additional years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Aleutians East Borough Assembly hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 2 of the Co-Sponsorship Agreement providing the transportation services between the Akutan Airport and the community of Akutan.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 30th day of June, 2017.

Stanley Mack, Mayor

Tina Anderson, Clerk