



RESOLUTION 20-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST A MEETING WITH RAVN AIR GROUP TO DISCUSS THE AIRLINE SERVICE IN THE ALEUTIANS

WHEREAS, airline service in the Aleutians is vital to the health, safety and well-being of the Aleutians East Borough (Borough) communities and their residents; and

WHEREAS, Ravn Air Group provides airlines services from Anchorage to Unalaska; Cold Bay and Sand Point, Alaska, which in turn impacts the smaller carriers that transport passengers to the communities of Akutan, False Pass, King Cove and Nelson Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the airline service being provided is substandard and negatively impacts residents, medical providers/services, businesses, mail delivery, construction projects, students, ecotourism, the commercial fisheries and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, other impacts due to poor airline service include but is not limited to individuals missing work, incurring additional per diem costs, missing important scheduled appointments, missing connecting flights to other locations and paying a higher airfare cost in order to charter an aircraft to return; and

WHEREAS, individuals requiring medical attention miss critical flights and imperative appointments, which can lead to medevacs and potentially higher financial costs or worse; and

WHEREAS, consistent airline service during the commercial fishing season is also vitally important because fishing is the economic engine for the Borough and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough would like to meet with Ravn Airport Group to discuss our concerns and possible solutions for improving air service in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Mayor to request a meeting with Ravn Air Group to discuss improving the airline service in the Aleutians.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH on this 10th day of October, 2019.

IN WITNESS THERETO:


Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tina Anderson, Borough Clerk