



## RESOLUTION 21-28

### A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE TERM OF THE HELICOPTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARITIME HELICOPTERS, INC TO MARCH 31, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Aleutians East Borough ("Borough") entered into a Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Akutan, the Borough and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for the Akutan Airport in January 2010 providing assurances to the FAA for federal construction funds and agreeing to operate the airport for at least 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough agreed to provide reasonable public access between the community of Akutan and the airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough tried to operate a hovercraft, which proved to be expensive and unsustainable and was replaced by a helicopter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and Maritime Helicopters, Inc. ("Maritime") entered into a Helicopter Services Agreement from November 22, 2013 through January 31, 2019 to provide transportation between the village of Akutan on Akutan Island and the Akutan Airport located on Akun Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of American Department of Transportation (USDOT) agreed to cover 50% of the helicopter expenditures between Akutan and Akun through the Essential Air Service (EAS) program; and

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution 19-30 the Borough agreed to pay the remaining 50% of the EAS costs between February 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, USDOT anticipates entering into a new EAS with Maritime Helicopters within the next three months and has extended the existing EAS through March 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough would like to extend the existing Helicopter Services Agreement with Maritime to March 31, 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly authorizes the Mayor to amend the term of the helicopter services agreement to end on March 31, 2021.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

  
Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Tina Anderson, Clerk