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DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 19-22

A RESOLUTION BY THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IDENTIFYING DENALI BOROUGH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 31TH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA BEGINNING JANUARY 21, 2020

WHEREAS, the funding level of the Community Assistance has declined by over fifty percent from a few years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough utilizes this funding to support providers of essential and direct public services including fire and ems response; and

WHEREAS, the Community Assistance Fund was not re-capitalized in the FY 20 budget, even further reducing future payments; and

WHEREAS, significant issues relating to the unfunded liability within the state managed PERS/TRS retirement programs were resolved through a 2008 agreement wherein all participants agreed to a 22% employer contribution cap for PERS and 12.5% for TRS; and

WHEREAS, by extending the amortization period of the debt, the state burdened the municipalities with an additional \$2.5 billion in costs relating to the unfunded liability; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is a young state in need of infrastructure essential to the continued growth of our economy; and

WHEREAS, capital projects for facilities owned, operated and maintained by Alaska's municipalities and school districts relieve the state of ongoing costs associated with these essential community improvements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough respectfully requests the Alaska State Legislature favorably consider:

- Through a supplemental FY20 appropriation, recapitalizing the Community Assistance Fund by \$30 million,

- Through the FY21 budget appropriation, recapitalizing the Community Assistance Fund by \$30 million,
- Opposing cost shifts from the state to municipalities,
- Opposing any attempts to increase the employer contributions for the PERS/TERS retirement systems, and
- Providing capital project contributions commensurate with the demonstrated need for the Major School Maintenance and the Grants to Municipalities programs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 11th day of December, 2019.



MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST: 

AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
ABSENT: ZAPPONE, HOLMES

