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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 10-02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM

- WHEREAS**, the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program (SAFER) is a federal grant program that allows applicants to submit two applications: one to request funds to pay for additional firefighter positions and one to request funds to cover costs associated with a firefighter volunteer recruitment and retention program;
- WHEREAS**, according to the grant guidance and application kit, "SAFER intends to improve local fire departments' staffing and deployment capabilities, so they may more effectively respond to emergencies whenever they may occur;"
- WHEREAS**, the FY 09 and FY 10 SAFER grants will cover 100 percent of salary and benefit costs of rehired firefighters with no local match requirement;
- WHEREAS**, this grant can be used to rehire a City firefighter laid off between January 1, 2008 and October 31, 2009 with no requirement to retain the firefighter beyond the two-year grant period of performance;
- WHEREAS**, to qualify for this grant, the City must maintain its staffing at the level that existed at the time of application and the SAFER-funded staffing for the two-year period of performance;"
- WHEREAS**, SAFER-funded firefighters who receive EMS certification within 24 months will receive higher consideration during the grant application review;
- WHEREAS**, the City's SAFER application for volunteer recruitment and retention funds will request funds to pay for physicals and turnouts for firefighter/EMT volunteers;
- WHEREAS**, the City's SAFER application for volunteer recruitment and retention will request funds to pay for a full-time volunteer coordinator, marketing expenses, and other program costs;

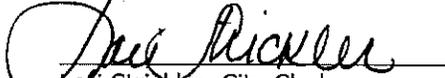
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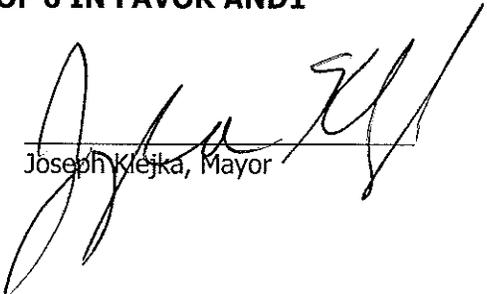
WHEREAS, the performance period for the recruitment and retention portion of the grant is four years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the preparation and submission of two grant applications to the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program to request funding for the salary and benefit costs of one firefighter/EMT and funding for the City firefighter/EMT recruitment and retention program.

ENACTED THIS 12th DAY OF JANUARY 2010 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lofi Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor