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## **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

### **Emergency Appropriation Resolution Serial No. 2906**

#### **An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating up to \$600,000 to the Juneau School District for K-5 Rally Programing During COVID-19; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.**

WHEREAS, consistent with Charter 9.10(b), upon declaration by the Assembly that a public emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms, the Assembly by resolution may make an emergency appropriation upon approval by all Assemblymembers present or by seven of its membership, whichever is the lesser number; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Assembly declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the City and Borough of Juneau ("CBJ") received its first positive case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of September 21, 2020, the Juneau School District ("JSD") has not yet started in-person classrooms, and teaching is being conducted through a virtual platform; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program adopted by Resolution 2893 did not account for K-5 childcare needs; and

WHEREAS, the provision of a full day RALLY program at the K-5 level is necessary to ensure that parents can return to work and the economy can begin to return to normal; and

WHEREAS, the provision of a full day RALLY program at the K-5 level is necessary to ensure that children have a safe and appropriate supervision during the day; and

WHEREAS, additional staff are needed to assure appropriate social distancing measures are taken, to ensure appropriate student to staff ratios are met, and to clean and sanitize the childcare spaces; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation will provide funding to ensure approximately 250 children can participate in the full day K-5 RALLY program; and

WHEREAS, this appropriation will provide funding to allow the Juneau School District to provide additional RALLY tuition assistance to low-income families who may also qualify for and utilize the state childcare assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the funding appropriated by this resolution and program expenses were not accounted for in the FY20 budget; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau and the Juneau School District will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement as a condition of receiving this appropriation which sets forth the policies supported and advanced by the Assembly for RALLY utilizing these funds; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 K-5 RALLY program expenses were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020 and were not accounted for in the FY20 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Emergency Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Juneau School District the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) for a full day K-5 RALLY program during COVID-19 to be granted and used consistent with this resolution.

**Section 2. Source of Funds:**

CARES Act Special Revenue Fund	\$600,000.00
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**Section 3. K-5 RALLY Program during COVID-19, Program Purpose and Terms.** The program is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ) and the Juneau School District (JSD) shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) setting forth the policies for the program. No funding will be disbursed prior to the signing of the Agreement.
- (b) The Assembly has reviewed the enrollment prioritization list as presented at the September 14, 2020, Committee of the Whole, (Attachment A) and supports this programing matrix.

- (c) The Assembly has reviewed and discussed the funding challenges faced by parents and directs that the program allocate additional grants to low-income families to offset costs not covered by state, tribal, or federal childcare assistance programs.
- (d) To ensure children have access to childcare and parents can return to work, the Assembly directs the CBJ and the JSD enter into an Agreement which lays out the enrollment prioritization (b, above), general funding allocation for all children, and additional grants for low-income families (c, above). Upon signing, funding is available for expenditures incurred up to December 30, 2020.
- (e) The Assembly directs that the JSD provide updates to the Assembly regarding program participation and use of the funds on or before November 15, 2020.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective upon adoption. However, Section 1 of this resolution is conditioned upon the City and Borough of Juneau receiving CARES Act funding from the State of Alaska.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk