

BOROUGH OF HAINES RESOLUTION

No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE BOROUGH OF HAINES, ALASKA, REQUESTING ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER LESS SEVERE CUTS TO THE ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is facing another budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2017, and additional fiscal years in the near future; and

WHEREAS, a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in rough choices and difficult cuts in all facets of State Government all across Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Public Broadcasting service is a statewide essential emergency service supported by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, public broadcasting provides a wealth of civic, cultural, and education information to Alaska residents, not to mention programming and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the public broadcasting budget is facing significant reductions in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY 17 but the proportion of the reduction for public broadcasting is disproportionate in comparison and will adversely affect the availability of service across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of emergency information, regional information sharing, entertainment and community information.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the Borough of Haines, Alaska, to respectfully request the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission in FY20 17 budget.

ADOPTED: January 26, 2016

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor

