

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly requesting the Alaska Legislature 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 tough choices and difficult cuts in all facets of State Government 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 and programming to Alaska residents; 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 proposed 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly respectfully requests the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission in FY2017 budget.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 9th day of February, 2016.

Diana Graham Deputy Mayor for
Janice Hill, Borough Mayor
J. Hill

Attest:

Julie Cozzi
Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk
Deputy Clerk for
J. Cozzi





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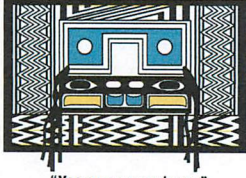
An Indian Reorganization Act Village
Under Act of Congress June 15th, 1935
32 Chilkat Avenue Klukwan, Alaska 99827
HC60 Box 2207 Haines, Alaska 99827
Phone: (907) 767-5505
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Email: klukwan@chilkat-nsn.gov

RESOLUTION # 2016-1

A Resolution of Chilkat Indian Village Tribal Council Requesting Alaska Legislature to Consider Less Severe Cuts to Public Broadcasting Services in Alaska

- WHEREAS;** the Chilkat Indian Village Tribe has been in existence since time & immemorial; and
- WHEREAS;** the Chilkat Indian Village of Klukwan is a duly constituted Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the authority of the Acts of Congress of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984) and May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250) and in accordance with section 16 & 17; and
- WHEREAS;** the Chilkat Indian Village Council acting as the duly constituted governing body of the Chilkat Indian Village, pursuant of Article V Section (j) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Chilkat Indian Village has authority to negotiate with federal and state agencies and organizations for the benefit of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS;** the State of Alaska is facing another challenging budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2017, and likely additional fiscal years in the near future ; and
- WHEREAS,** a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in tough choices and difficult cuts in every facet of State Government all across Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** Alaska Public Broadcasting is a statewide essential 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 entertaining programming; and
- WHEREAS;** the public broadcasting budget is facing another round of significant reductions in the legislative process; and
- WHEREAS;** cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY17 but the proportion of the reduction to public broadcasting appears disproportionate and will adversely affect the availability of local services across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of community and regional news and information sharing; and
- WHEREAS;** losses in federal matching funds for stations will result from additional state cuts; and

CHILKAT INDIAN VILLAGE

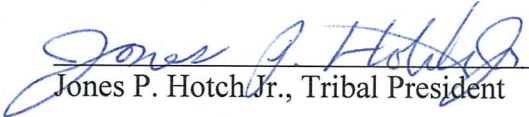


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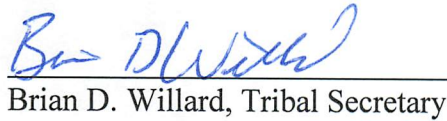
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chilkat Indian Village Council respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to Alaska's Public Broadcasting Services in the FY2017 budget.

CERTIFICATION: This certifies that the foregoing resolution of the Chilkat Indian Village of Klukwan, Alaska was adopted. The Chilkat Indian Village Council is made up of 7 members with a quorum of 7 established. The foregoing resolution was adopted on this 19th day of February, 2016, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent, 0 excused and 0 abstaining.



Jones P. Hotch Jr., Tribal President



Brian D. Willard, Tribal Secretary

**Petersburg Borough, Petersburg, Alaska
RESOLUTION #2016-04**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE CONSIDER LESS SEVERE CUTS TO THE ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is facing another budget deficit for FY17, and likely additional fiscal years in the future; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the public broadcasting budget realized a cut in FY16 in the legislative process, and further significant reductions are expected in FY17; and

WHEREAS, cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY17 but the extent of the proposed reduction to public broadcasting seems disproportionate and will adversely affect the availability of service across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of entertainment and community and regional information sharing.

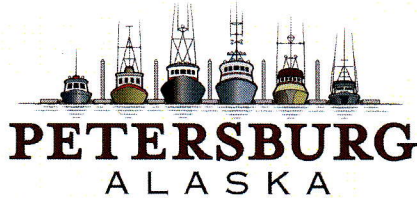
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission in the FY17 budget.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on February 1, 2016.


Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melinda Swihart, Deputy Clerk



Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol, Room 30
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
State Capitol, Room 426
Juneau, Alaska 99801

February 10, 2016

Senator Stedman and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins:

The Local Emergency Planning Committee for the Petersburg Borough assists in preparing for emergencies by maintaining an Emergency Operations Plan.

The committee is made up of local officials; police, fire, public health professionals; and representatives from the community and the media.

KFSK public radio is the only 24-hour media service in the Petersburg Borough and its signal reaches the entire population. In the event of an emergency, KFSK plays a vital role in the dissemination of information from first responders and officials involved in the management of the emergency response.

As we are all aware, the State of Alaska is facing a fiscal crisis resulting in difficult budget decisions. KFSK expected, and indeed realized, a deep cut to its state operating grant in FY16.

The Petersburg Local Emergency Planning Committee needs KFSK to remain strong in order to continue to serve its mission to keep Borough residents informed. In the event of an emergency, it is the only media source that citizens can rely upon to receive life-saving and time-sensitive information that is a necessity in emergency situations.

We urge you to support public broadcasting by keeping the reduction of state funding for public radio stations to a minimum. Large cuts to small radio stations could dismantle the emergency response network that is vital to keeping Alaskans safe during emergencies.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Dixon

Petersburg Fire/EMS Director
Local Emergency Planning Committee Chair

Petersburg Borough

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Alaska Broadcasters Association
Resolution
February 18, 2016

Whereas, the Alaska Broadcasters Association represents almost every commercial and public broadcasting station in the State of Alaska; and

Whereas the ABA recognizes the importance of ARCS as a source of statewide news, emergency alert information, Alaska Weather and other important broadcast programming for 185 rural villages; and

Whereas the ABA also recognizes the important roles that public television and public radio plays in Alaska; and

Whereas Alaska's commercial and public broadcasters have a long history of working together to provide free, over-the-air radio and television service to all Alaskans since the ABA was formed in 1964; and

Whereas, funding for public broadcasting and ARCS was significantly reduced by the 2015 Alaska Legislature;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Alaska Broadcasters Association urges the Alaska Legislature to fund public radio, public television, the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission and ARCS at the FY 16 level.

Ric Schmidt (Nome)
Matt Wilson (Kenai)
Kim Williams (Fairbanks)
Dave Anderson (Homer)
Jerry Bever (Anchorage)
DeeDee Caciari (Fairbanks)
Charlie Ellis (Juneau)
Nancy Johnson (Anchorage)
Bill Legere (Juneau)
Ellen Simeonoff (Kodiak)
Scott Smith (Anchorage)

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
COMMENDING RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING KACHEMAK BAY BROADCASTING, INC.
AND PICKLE HILL PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS
OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE KENAI PENINSULA
AND WEST SIDE OF COOK INLET**

WHEREAS, Kachemak Bay Broadcasting, Inc. (KBBI) and Pickle Hill Broadcasting, Inc. (KDLL) have provided local, state, national and international news and entertainment program services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to Kenai Peninsula residents from Cooper Landing to Nanwalek, and Tyonek to the west side of Kodiak Island.; and

WHEREAS, Peninsula-wide live broadcasts of Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meetings are possible through this collaboration that includes Seward on meeting nights; and

WHEREAS, KBBI and KDLL have presented local information for many life threatening disaster situations, including the recent January 24, 2016 earthquake; the Funny River fire in 2014, the Caribou Hills fire (2007) and Tracy Avenue (2004); as well as the St. Augustine volcano (2006) and Redoubt volcano (2009) eruptions; and

WHEREAS, KBBI's ability to simulcast broadcasts to KDLL listeners has been an important information avenue for a number of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, KBBI and KDLL services also include local news and information programs, and local and marine weather; and

WHEREAS, Local volunteer DJs share their love of music throughout the week; over 800 local residents from ages 16 to over 70 have hosted live music shows on KBBI and KDLL; and

WHEREAS, Through the Bush Lines and Information lines, KBBI brings vital personal and practical information to residents on and off the road system; and

WHEREAS, KBBI and KDLL also air international and national news and entertainment programs from National Public Radio, Public Radio International, American Public Media, and the BBC; and

WHEREAS, Alaska news is represented by Alaska News Nightly, Alaska Morning Report, Alaska Economic Report, and Talk of Alaska, provided via satellite from the Alaska Public Radio Network;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF
THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**


SECTION 1. The 2016 Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly commends the quality of service and community involvement of KBBI and KDLL, and thanks them for enriching the lives of Kenai Peninsula residents living along the shores, mountains, and bays of Cook Inlet for over 30 years.

SECTION 2. This resolution become effective immediately upon adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016**




Kelly Cooper, Assembly Member, Co-Sponsor


Willy Dunne, Assembly Member, Co-Sponsor


Mike Navarre, Mayor, Co-Sponsor


Blaine Gilman, Assembly President


John Blankenship, Borough Clerk

WHEREAS, losses in federal matching funds for stations will result from additional state cuts.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government that the membership respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to Alaska's Public Broadcasting Services in the FY2017 budget.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government on the 21st day of January 2016. by a vote 6 for, _____ against, and _____ abstaining.

1st Chief

Executive Director

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