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Submitted by: Assembly Chair Constant and
Members Brawley and Rivera

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR No. 2023-_____

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY REAPPROPRIATING TWO**
2 **MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY**
3 **DOLLARS AND NINETY-EIGHT CENTS (\$2,435,750.98) OF PREVIOUSLY**
4 **APPROPRIATED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS AND THREE**
5 **MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED**
6 **FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$3,488,315.28) OF**
7 **PREVIOUSLY REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE ADULT SHELTER**
8 **AND/OR NAVIGATION CENTER TO THE OPERATING PROJECTS COMMITTED**
9 **GENERAL FUND (190000) FOR HOMELESSNESS - FOR NON-CONGREGATE**
10 **EMERGENCY COLD WEATHER SHELTER DURING WINTER 2023-2024 AND**
11 **SHELTER AND HOUSING NEEDS, AND AMENDING CONDITIONS FOR USE OF**
12 **BEETLE KILL MITIGATION PROJECT FUNDS.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 16.120, Emergency Shelter Plan
16 for Homeless Persons, provides for the activation and deactivation of emergency
17 shelter under certain weather conditions which occur annually in Anchorage (“when
18 the outside temperature drops to 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below on the day when
19 sheltering begins, by ambient or wind-chill measures”), during a mayoral declaration
20 of civil emergency, or when the Anchorage Health Department Director finds that a
21 lack of available shelter options otherwise poses a danger to the life and health of
22 unsheltered people within the Municipality; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, at the Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee meeting on
25 August 16, 2023, the Anchorage Health Department presented a working draft and
26 options for the 2023-2024 Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Plan; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, in the meeting the Health Department identified the current estimate of
29 unsheltered persons expecting to utilize winter shelter as 400 individuals; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, prior estimates made by the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
32 indicated as many as 450 unsheltered persons may be expected to utilize winter
33 shelter; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality has utilized non-congregate sheltering for the last three
36 years to meet at least part of the community's need for winter emergency shelter,
37 by contracting with hotel providers to shelter individuals in rooms; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, non-congregate sheltering is a recognized strategy to facilitate social
40 distancing and prevent the spread of infectious diseases, particularly among
41 vulnerable populations during winter months; and

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2 **WHEREAS**, the Health Department estimated total non-congregate sheltering
3 costs, based on a planning number of \$100 per room per day, to be up to \$1.24
4 million per month for 400 individuals, or up to \$1.395 million per month for 450
5 individuals; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, it may be assumed that a portion of rooms utilized for non-congregate
8 shelter may support double occupancy for couples, individuals with existing
9 relationships, and individuals who consent to sharing a room, which allows for
10 efficient use of municipal resources to provide emergency cold weather shelter; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Health Department released a Request for Information (RFI) on
13 Monday, August 7, 2023, soliciting responses from lodging providers to identify
14 properties where non-congregate winter sheltering may be appropriate; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the Health Department reported that existing congregate and non-
17 congregate shelter facilities serving adults and families are unable to expand
18 capacity to shelter additional clients, and cannot serve the 450 currently unsheltered
19 individuals anticipated to utilize winter shelter; and also reported that Covenant
20 House can only expand its capacity for young adult sheltering by 25 individuals, with
21 an approximate cost of \$66,700 per month; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality has no identified operating funding source to provide
24 for emergency cold weather sheltering year over year, and therefore requires one-
25 time funding appropriations until such recurring funding source is identified; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, based on figures reported by the Health Department, between
28 \$2,315,789 and \$2,772,000 will be needed to adequately fund emergency cold
29 weather shelter between October 15 and December 31, 2023; and

30 **WHEREAS**, additional funding must be identified to continue emergency cold
31 weather sheltering between January 1 and April 30, 2024; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, at a work session on August 18, 2023 regarding AR 2023-182(S), the
34 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) identified a series of potentially-available
35 one-time funding that could be re-appropriated by the Assembly, including
36 remaining funding from AR 2022-111(S), as Amended, for construction of an adult
37 shelter and/or navigation center and unused and returned ARPA funds; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, AR 2023-102(S) as Amended previously appropriated \$107,615.77 to
40 fund 190000 for continued homelessness overflow shelter support in FY23; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality continues to experience heightened risk of wildfire due
43 to the large acreage of wooded public and private lands, and widespread dead
44 vegetation due to ongoing impacts of spruce bark beetle infestation; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, OMB reported a total of \$2,027,938.08 of unspent funds that were
47 previously appropriated for wildfire mitigation and removal of spruce bark beetle kill,
48 comprised of \$938,748.85 previously appropriated to fund 190000 by AR 2023-102
49 (S) as Amended as match funding for a federal grant which did not ultimately require
50 a local match, and \$1,089,189.23 of unspent funds for Beetle Kill Mitigation, Round

1 2 in Anchorage and Chugiak-Eagle River;

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3 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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5 **Section 1.** That a transfer in the amount of Two Million One Hundred Twenty-six
6 Thousand Six Hundred Forty-nine Dollars and Ninety-three Cents (\$2,126,649.93)
7 of unused American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds previously appropriated by AR
8 2021-167(S) detailed below are hereby reappropriated as a transfer to the Operating
9 Projects Committed General Fund (190000) for Homelessness – Emergency Cold
10 Weather Sheltering (2900001049), Anchorage Health Department, to be used for
11 emergency cold weather sheltering costs beginning October 15, 2023, or as soon
12 as Title 16.120 is activated, through December 31, 2024.

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- 15 • \$1,341,500.00 - Small Business Relief grants (returned by Cook Inlet
16 Lending), AR 2021-167(S) as Amended, Sec. 4
 - 17 • \$288,223.58 - Business Property Tax Relief grants, AR 2021-167(S) as
18 Amended, Sec. 10
 - 19 • \$90,085.00 - Support to American Legion Post #4 and Elks Lodge #2868
20 (returned), AR 2021-167(S) as Amended, Sec. 44
 - 21 • \$159,577.31 - Anchorage iTeam FTE to access federal relief
22 funding/benefits, AR 2021-167(S) as Amended, Sec. 14
 - 23 • \$16,150.37 - Chugiak-Eagle River Library (unspent), AR 2021-167(S) as
24 Amended, Sec. 34f
 - 25 • \$39,099.24 - Parks & Rec., 2021 fee relief (unspent), AR 2021-167(S) as
26 Amended, Sec. 34i
 - 27 • \$192,004.43 - Maintenance & Operations, fleet replacement (unspent), AR
28 2021-167(S) as Amended, Sec. 34s

29 **Section 2.** That a transfer in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00)
30 of unused American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds previously appropriated by AR
31 2022-178(S) detailed below are hereby reappropriated as a transfer to the Operating
32 Projects Committed General Fund (190000) for Homelessness – Emergency Cold
33 Weather Sheltering (2900001049), Anchorage Health Department, to be used for
34 emergency cold weather sheltering costs beginning October 15, 2023, or as soon
35 as Title 16.120 is activated, through December 31, 2024.

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- 38 • \$7,000.00 – Support to Arctic Entries (returned), AR 2022-178(S), Sec.65

39 **Section 3.** That a transfer in the amount of Three Hundred Two Thousand One
40 Hundred One Dollars and Five Cents (\$302,101.05) of unused American Rescue
41 Plan Act (ARPA) funds previously appropriated by AR 2022-361 detailed below are
42 hereby reappropriated as a transfer to the Operating Projects Committed General
43 Fund (190000) for Homelessness – Emergency Cold Weather Sheltering
44 (2900001049), Anchorage Health Department, to be used for emergency cold
45 weather sheltering costs beginning October 15, 2023, or as soon as Title 16.120 is
46 activated, through December 31, 2024.

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- 49 • \$302,101.05 – Maintenance & Operations, security and cleaning around
Sullivan Arena (unspent), AR 2022-361

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 2 **Section 4.** That a transfer in the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Eighty-
 3 eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents
 4 (\$3,488,315.28) previously reappropriated by AR 2022-111(S), as Amended for
 5 construction of an adult shelter and/or navigation center are hereby reappropriated
 6 as a transfer to the Operating Projects Committed General Fund (190000) for
 7 Homelessness – Sheltering and Housing, Anchorage Health Department, to be
 8 used for sheltering and housing for people experiencing homelessness.

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 10 **Section 5.** That the sum of \$2,435,750.98 used for emergency cold weather
 11 shelter costs, and said reappropriation shall be utilized for non-congregate
 12 emergency sheltering at one or more locations to be identified by the Anchorage
 13 Health Department.

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 15 **Section 6.** Remaining funds in the amount of \$938,748.85 appropriated by AR
 16 2023-102(S), as Amended, Section 25 to the Operating Projects Committed
 17 General Fund (190000) for the Beetle Kill Mitigation Project is made available for
 18 use by AFD and any stipulation that funds can only be used for grant matching
 19 purposes are removed.

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 21 **Section 7.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
 22 approval by the Assembly.

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 24 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of
 25 _____, 2023.

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 Chair of the Assembly

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 Municipal Clerk

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