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APPROVED

Date: 4-17-07 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2007-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR A STATE GRANT BY THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD ORGANIZATION, INC. IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD IN GAINING THE RECOGNITION AND ENTITLEMENTS THEY HAVE EARNED THROUGH THEIR SERVICE TO THE U.S. MILITARY AND ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Territorial Guard (ATG) was created in 1942 at the request of territorial Governor Earnest Gruening, the over 6,000 member force, dubbed the Eskimo Scouts, served as the territory's first line of defense during World War II; and

WHEREAS, with no pay, and little equipment, the Eskimo Scouts, along with their counterparts from southeastern Alaska, patrolled 5,200 miles of coastline to fend off a possible enemy invasion; and

WHEREAS, the Eskimo Scouts were disbanded in 1947 with no veteran's rights and no recognition for their long service to the U.S. Military or the sacrifices they made in defending the territory of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, U.S. Senator Ted Stevens passed a bill awarding veteran status to the Alaska Territorial Guardsmen which assured them the same rights as other World War II veterans; and

WHEREAS, in order to reach as many individuals as possible while they are still alive it is imperative that public funds be directed toward this end; and

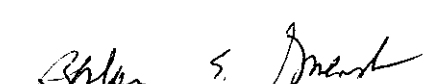
WHEREAS, these funds will be used by Alaska Territorial Guard Organization to add the staff, equipment, and office space necessary to assist the ATG in receiving the recognition and entitlements they have earned;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Assembly supports the request for a state grant by the Alaska Territorial Guard Organization, Inc. in order to assist the Alaska Territorial Guard in gaining the recognition and entitlements they have earned through their service to the U.S. Military and Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of April, 2007.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk