

ANCHORAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Anchorage Alaska

May 29th, 1929

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, transportation by air in Alaska has long passed the experimental stage and is proving itself to be one of the most important factors in the progress and development of the territory, and,

WHEREAS, in order that air routes may be properly established, it is necessary that adequate landing fields be provided for the aircraft traversing these routes; and,

WHEREAS, the geographical location of the City of Anchorage is such that an airport established therein would serve not only the city of Anchorage, but would eventually become the logical center of commercial aviation in Alaska, and would offer a wonderful base for U.S. Army and Navy aircraft in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, fully realizing the necessity of such landing fields and airports in the territory, the Territorial Legislature made liberal provisions for territorial aid to municipalities desiring to establish and maintain airports, making it possible for such municipalities to do so at very slight cost to themselves, the territory bearing the major portion of the burden of construction and of maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, it is our belief that the city of Anchorage should by all means promptly take advantage of this opportunity to establish an adequate airport:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce that the Honorable, the Mayor and members of the municipal council of the city of Anchorage, be, and they hereby are, respectfully asked to immediately take the necessary steps for the acquisition of a suitable landing field and airport, and for the appropriation of the sum of not less than \$2000.00 for the purpose of defraying the municipality's share of the cost of construction of such airplane landing field and airport; and that pending such action a committee be appointed by the council to enter into immediate negotiations with the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for co-operative action in connection with the construction of such airplane landing field, and its maintenance and illumination, as provided by Chapter 110, Session Laws of Alaska, 1929, and with full power and authority to obligate the city to the extent of such appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce

*Lyle W. Larsen*  
Secretary

Resolution passed in open meeting, May 29th, 1929.