WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or the CARES Act, on March 27; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act, a landmark $1.8 trillion dollar relief bill, included $150 billion in a Coronavirus Relief Fund set aside for state and local governments, with Alaska receiving $1.25 billion; and

WHEREAS, per a report done by Congressional Research Service, the Coronavirus Relief Fund (COVID-19 Relief) was intended to offer a means of assistance for state and local governments to address the expected economic shock of COVID-19, noting an expected increase in public welfare programs; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature ratified the actions of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee on May 20, which set aside $156,713,566 million of COVID-19 Relief funding to go to the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, the Anchorage Assembly approved two pilot programs for rental and mortgage assistance and small business and nonprofit relief, allocating $1 million of COVID-19 Relief funding to each program; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, the Anchorage Assembly approved an additional $23 million of COVID-19 Relief funding towards small business and nonprofit relief, rental and mortgage assistance, childcare relief, a public lands jobs program, and a direct municipal COVID-19 response contingency fund; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Administration first met on May 8 during a publicly noticed meeting to begin a months-long discussion on the best and greatest usage of the remaining COVID-19 Relief funding; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly and the Administration wrapped up this process during two publicly noticed day-long meetings on July 17 and July 31, developing a framework, guiding principles, and a project list; and

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-271(S)

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY
ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITY AREAS AND FRAMEWORK FOR ALLOCATION OF THE COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.
WHEREAS, the funds for the proposed projects and programs in response to the pandemic's severe social and economic impacts are to come from CARES Act funds appropriated with AR 2020-245 approved by the Anchorage Assembly on July 14, 2020; now, therefore

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The COVID-19 Response Framework to address immediate needs and sustain the Municipality beyond COVID-19 attached as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and should guide all appropriation, allocation, and expenditure of COVID-19 Relief funds.

Section 2. The Municipality is hereby authorized to fund, from CARES Act funds appropriated with AR 2020-245 approved by the Anchorage Assembly on July 14, 2020, the projects and programs in the amounts stated [TO BE DETERMINED AND ADDED BY AMENDMENT OR SUBSTITUTE AR] below.

Section 3. That an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars ($6,000,000) from the Third Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the FEMA required 25% non-federal cost share match.

Section 4. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,300,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Anchorage Health Department to hire additional Public Health Nurses, an Epidemiologist, and Homelessness Program Support personnel.

Section 5. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($260,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Anchorage Library for COVID-19 programs and measures, including mobile book delivery and remote book kiosks for touchless service delivery.

Section 6. That an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($650,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Planning and Development Services Departments for software upgrades to fully transition to electronic submissions, reviews, and approvals.

Section 7. That an amount not to exceed Twenty One Million Dollars ($21,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the First Responder Payroll Reserve to cover payroll costs of our first responders.

Section 8. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for public health and mental health support personnel to the Anchorage School District.
Section 9. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand ($250,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Anchorage School District to fully fund all of their blended Pre-K classrooms.

Section 10. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand ($2,500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a RuralCap Weatherization Jobs Program to fund home weatherization and mobile home repair work as a way to help put unemployed, underemployed, or furloughed workers back to work.

Section 11. That an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand ($4,500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available to fund the necessary costs to construct a new Girdwood Health Clinic.

Section 12. That an amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Public Lands Jobs Program to hire individuals to help improve or expand soft surface trails and other shovel-ready projects in Girdwood and Eagle River.

Section 13. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for an Energy Efficiency Jobs Program to hire individuals to install energy efficient infrastructure.

Section 14. That an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand ($300,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for Nine Star’s Net-2-Ladder Project to help provide jobs and prevent homelessness.

Section 15. That an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand ($1,300,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand ($1,300,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for Visit Anchorage to modify promotional and sales tools used to remarket Anchorage tourism during recovery.

Section 16. That an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Nonprofit Relief Program to distribute grants to eligible nonprofits impacted by COVID-19.

Section 17. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty Thousand ($220,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the Iditarod to help mitigate impacts from COVID-19.
Section 18. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,500,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Cultural Pillars Stabilization Program to distribute grants to those eligible institutions impacted by COVID-19.

Section 19. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for an Arts and Culture Stabilization Program to distribute grants to those eligible organizations impacted by COVID-19.

Section 20. That an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Covenant House Expansion Program increase affordable housing units and shelter for underage individuals.

Section 21. That an amount not to exceed Fifteen Millions Dollars ($15,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed Five Millions Dollars ($5,000,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for the third tranche of Rental and Mortgage Assistance Relief Program to distribute grants to landlords and mortgage holders, landlord liaison support, and legal services on behalf of eligible individuals impacted by COVID-19.

Section 22. That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Child Care Relief Program to distribute grants to exempt child care programs.

Section 23. That an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($600,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for Abused Women’s Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) for expansion of an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence as current space has been reduced because of impacts from COVID-19.

Section 24. That an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Child Care Assistance Program to distribute grants to eligible parents or guardians of school aged children whose income is at 200% of the federal poverty level or lower.

Section 25. That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a pilot program to provide funding for families impacted by COVID-19 to purchase necessities like groceries, medicine, and gas.

Section 26. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000)
from the First Payment of CARES Act funds and an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) from the Second Payment of CARES Act funds are available for a Mental Health First Responders Program.

Section 28. That an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) from the First Payment of CARES Act funds are available for 24/7 non-critical transportation services at the Sullivan Arena to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

Section 29. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of ______________, 2020.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk