ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2020-274

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING FUNDING TO BUILD THE CAPACITY OF THE ASSEMBLY OFFICE AND ASSEMBLY COUNSEL’S OFFICE TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY, FOR ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($175,000) FROM THE CARES ACT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE STATE DIRECT/FEDERAL PASS-THRU GRANTS FUND (231900).

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is a welcoming and resilient community, characteristics that have been tested and persevered during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has given us the ultimate appraisal of our resilience, and as a community we need to involve and educate businesses and individuals impacted and needing assistance to recover from the social and economic effects of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, an agreement with the State of Alaska to accept One Hundred Fifty-Six Million Dollars of CARES Act funds were approved in AR 2020-199 at the June 2, 2020 Assembly Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality appropriated One Hundred Fifty-Six Million Dollars of CARES Act funds to the State Direct/Federal Pass-Thru Grants Fund (231900) approved in AR 2020-245 at the July 14, 2020 Assembly Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the funds provided by the CARES Act must be spent in accordance with Congress’ directives and the U.S. Department of Treasury guidance, which includes administrative costs for the meetings, work sessions, research, drafting, and constituent relations and communications undertaken by the Assembly to understand the parameters for spending CARES Act funds, the community’s needs and priorities, plan for allocating the funds accordingly, and educating the people of Anchorage on the allocation plan and the programs available to help them;

WHEREAS, the Assembly’s role as the legislative branch of our local government with the appropriations power is burdened with an increased workload due to COVID-19 emergency planning and response, and the diligence necessary for CARES Act funds distribution, and warrants adding capacity to the Assembly Department to manage this increase; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the MOA is hereby authorized to fund an aggregate amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND Dollars ($175,000) for the
purpose of funding an outreach and education program on CARES Act Funding, through the Assembly Department.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

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

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Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk