

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31 MILLION FOR THE REGRP IN THE FY 2014 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET, BRINGING THE TOTAL FY 2014 REGRP FUNDING TO THE \$56 MILLION AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Renewable Energy Grant Recommendation Program (REGRP) was established in 2008 to support the development of renewable energy projects and to reduce the impact of the high cost of energy for rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the REGRP has played an important role in supporting the development of renewable energy systems in Alaska, serving both remote and Railbelt communities with significant financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the continued REGRP support will help reduce energy costs in rural Alaska and to help the state tap more of its substantial renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the REGRP has already created a solid foundation for accelerating the development of renewable energy markets and infrastructure in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, despite the high costs and challenges associated with developing renewable energy across the state, the REGRP is found to be cost effective at both the program and individual renewable resource sector level providing a significant net benefit to the state; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is home to an abundance of renewable and nonrenewable resources, but harsh climate, limited infrastructure, a distributed population, and a short construction season are common barriers to resource development; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Energy Authority recommended projects totaling \$56 million for the REGRP for FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Governor included funding in the amount of \$25 million in the FY 2014 State Capital Budget,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough requests additional funding in the amount of \$31 million for the REGRP in the FY 2014 State Capital Budget, bringing the total FY 2014 REGRP funding to the \$56 million amount recommended by the Alaska Energy Authority; and

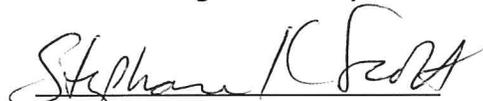
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be provided to Governor Sean Parnell, Senator Bert Stedman, Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, and DCCED Commissioner Susan Bell.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly this 12th day of March, 2013.

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk




Stephanie Scott, Mayor