## HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION No. 16-02-658

## Adopted

## A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly requesting the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to the Alaska Public Broad casting Commission.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is facing another budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2017, and additional fiscal years in the near future; and

**WHEREAS,** a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in tough choices and difficult cuts in all facets of State Government across Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Public Broadcasting service is a statewide essential emergency service supported by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, public broadcasting provides a wealth of civic, cultural, and education information and programming to Alaska residents; and

WHEREAS, the public broadcasting budget is facing significant reductions in the legislative process; and

**WHEREAS**, cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY 17 but the proportion of the proposed reduction for public broadcasting is disproportionate in comparison and will adversely affect the availability of service across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of emergency information, regional information sharing, entertainment and community information.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly respectfully requests the Governor of Alaska and the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission in FY2017 budget.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

Janice Hil Borough Mayor

Attest: Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk

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