

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting Grant Funding for Regional Efforts to Help Build Back a More Resilient Post-Pandemic Tourism Economy.

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough Tourism Industry has suffered economic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the entire Southeast Alaska region has similarly suffered such economic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic and loss of tourism; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough supports a regional solution to help build back a post-pandemic tourism economy that is more resilient and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough supports the grant coalition of the Alaska Outdoor Alliance, Alaska Travel Industry Association, Alaska Native Heritage Center, Southeast Sustainable Partnership and the University of Alaska in seeking grant funding from the Economic Development Administration American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough shares the grant coalition's vision to make Alaska a world-leader in regenerative tourism and to vitalize and shape the tourism and outdoor recreation industry of Alaska to establish an equitable recovery which develops a homegrown workforce that engages businesses and executes projects in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough hopes to develop local projects and infrastructure that supports the coalition's grant vision,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly endorses and supports the Alaska Outdoor Alliance and grant coalition's EDA grant application for Regional Efforts to Help Build Back a More Resilient Post-Pandemic Tourism Economy.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 28th day of September, 2022.

Attest:


Alekka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk




Douglas Olerud, Mayor