

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 08-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THE STATE LOBBYIST FOR THE CITY OF WASILLA TO LOBBY THE GOVERNOR AND THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE FOR FUNDING FOR THE WASILLA AREA SENIORS, INCORPORATED (WASI).

WHEREAS, Frank D. Smith donated land with the intent to provide Wasilla with an area where senior citizens could come and meet other seniors; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI) is a non-profit organization that incorporated on June 16, 1981; and

WHEREAS, WASI is classified as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, WASI endorses the Older American Act of 1967 and complies with Older Alaskans State Programs; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides approximately 1,700 hot meals each month for senior citizens who visit the Frank D. Smith Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, an additional 11,000 meals are delivered annually to senior citizens who are confined to home; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides daily transportation to senior citizens needing to visit the doctor, do shopping or banking, and attend special events; and

WHEREAS, WASI manages 129 units of low-income senior housing, which includes 12 assisted living units; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides senior citizens with a safe environment for socialization, mental stimulation, and health improvement; and

WHEREAS, WASI is a community treasure that depends on grants, gifts, and donations to operate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla wishes to assist WASI by directing the City's State Lobbyist to lobby on behalf of WASI for annual operational funding; and

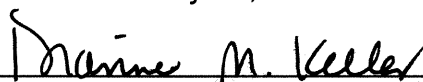
WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has experienced an approximately 43 percent growth in its senior population between 2000 and 2007 and the number of Alaskans age 65 and over is projected to triple over the next two decades.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla City Council, to direct the City's State Lobbyist to lobby the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature for funding for Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wasilla Area Senior's Inc. is requesting \$500,000 for annual operational funding and \$800,000 for capital improvement funds to expand and remodel the portion of the facility that houses physical therapy activities, with the purpose of enhancing both physical and mental health and the well-being and quality of life for the senior population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a non-profit organization, funding support is vital in order for Wasilla Area Seniors Inc. to continue to provide quality services and programs to the senior citizens of the City of Wasilla and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 14, 2008.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

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**WASILLA AREA SENIORS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RESOLUTION 07-31**

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CITY OF WASILLA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVING THE CITY OF WASILLA TO DIRECT THE STATE LOBBYIST TO LOBBY THE GOVERNOR AND THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE FOR FUNDING FOR WASILLA AREA SENIORS, INC.

WHEREAS, Frank D. Smith donated land with the intent to provide Wasilla with an area where senior citizens could come and meet other seniors; and

WHEREAS, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI) is a non-profit organization that incorporated on June 16, 1981; and

WHEREAS, WASI is classified as a public charity under the Internal Revenue Code; and

WHEREAS, WASI endorses the Older American Act of 1965 and complies with Older Alaskans State Programs; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides approximately 17,000 hot meals annually for senior citizens who visit the Frank D. Smith Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, WASI an additional 11,000 meals are delivered annually to senior citizens who are confined in their home; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides daily transportation to senior citizens, to and from the Senior Center, shopping, banking, doctor appointments, and to special events; and

WHEREAS, WASI manages 129 units of low-income senior housing, which includes 12 assisted living units; and

WHEREAS, WASI provides senior citizens with a safe environment for socialization, mental stimulation and health improvement; and

WHEREAS, WASI is a community treasure that depends on grants, gifts, and donations to operate; and

WHEREAS, WASI is a community center that invites Legislators to use the facility to hold town hall meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla passed Resolution Serial No. 07-22 to assist WASI by directing the City's State Lobbyist to lobby on behalf of WASI for annual operational funding.

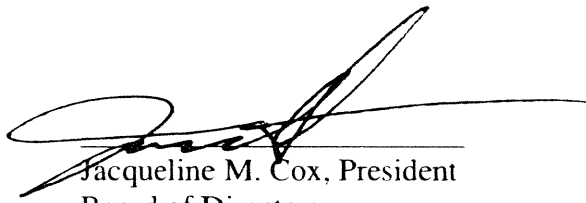
WHEREAS, Alaska's senior population is not only the fastest growing segment of Alaska's population, but also one of the fastest growing senior populations in the nation; and

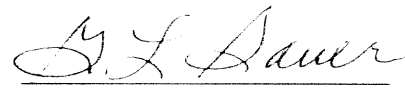
WHEREAS, The Mat-Su Borough alone, has experienced approximately 43% growth in its senior population between 2000 and 2007 and the number of Alaskans age 65 and better is projected to triple over the next two decades.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. that the City of Wasilla will direct the City's State Lobbyist to lobby the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature for annual operational funding in the amount of \$500,000.00; and capitol improvement funds in the amount of \$800,000.00 to expand and remodel the portion of the facility that houses physical therapy activities, with purpose of enhancing both physical and mental health and the well-being and quality of life for the senior population who reside in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, which as a non-profit organization, annual funding support is vital in order for Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. to continue to provide quality services and programs to the senior citizens of the City of Wasilla and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. Board of Directors on December 27, 2007.


Jacqueline M. Cox, President
Board of Directors
Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.


Gerri Sauer, Secretary
Board of Directors
Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.