

Requested by: Mayor Keller
Meeting Date: January 23, 2006
Adopted: January 23, 2006
Vote: Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, O'Neil & Straub in favor

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 06-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY SUPPORTING FY -07 AND ON-GOING
STATE FUNDING FOR THE CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATOR POSITION.**

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska has submitted a proposal in the FY-07 budget to the legislature that includes \$75,000 for the City of Wasilla to assist in the cost of reassigning an investigator from the Wasilla Police Department (WPD) to the Regional Child Abuse Investigations Unit FY-2007 Request – Reference number 41967); and

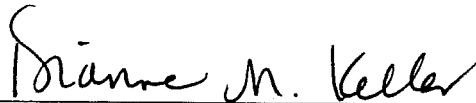
WHEREAS, the collaborative efforts of the Child Abuse Investigations Unit, comprised of Alaska State Troopers and WPD investigators, enjoyed great success in the investigation and prosecution of serious sex abuse and physical abuse cases involving children throughout the Mat-Su Borough from 2002 – 2005 and was only abandoned in FY-06 due to loss of federal grant funding for the WPD position; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Alaska Department of Public Safety desire to restore the unit to the previous status in order to offer greater protection to our greatest resource, our children and has demonstrated this commitment by requesting “on-going” state funding to replace the federal funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports the protection of children from sex abuse and physical abuse throughout the Mat-Su Borough and supports the Governor’s request for “on-going” funding for this valuable investigative asset; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council will support and seek continued local funding to help provide a WPD investigator to the Mat-Su Child Abuse Investigations Unit.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 23, 2006.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

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