

Requested by: Mayor Dianne M. Keller

Meeting Date: June 26, 2006

Adopted: June 26, 2006

Vote: Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, O'Neil in favor, Straub absent

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 06-33**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE FOOD BANK OF ALASKA'S CAPITAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

WHEREAS, more than 11.7% of residents in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley do not know where their next meal is coming from; and

WHEREAS, as students, taxpayers, consumers, and workers, people who experience hunger are less likely to be as productive in the community; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska has access to millions of pounds of food a year to help feed hungry Alaskans; and,

WHEREAS, nonprofit and faith-based organizations feeding hungry people need to conserve resources by accessing food at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska has taken possession of a facility on the Palmer-Wasilla highway specifically to help the nonprofit and faith-based organizations in the Mat-Su Valley have ready access to a variety of donated food and federal commodities on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Food Bank of Alaska will also use this facility as a base to solicit additional food donations from growers in the Mat-Su Valley, thus providing even more food to assist the hungry so that this facility will impact all the communities across the Mat-Su Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Food Bank of Alaska is working with the State Department of Transportation, the Alaska Railroad, and the Alaska Moose Federation to dress out moose road/rail kill to process and distribute to Alaskan residents in need; and

WEHREAS, Food Bank of Alaska has submitted a request for a capital appropriation to the State of Alaska for \$500,000 to partially fund the purchase of the facility on Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wasilla fully supports the Food Bank of Alaska in their operation to eliminate hunger in the Mat-Su Valley and for their capital appropriation request for \$500,000 to help fund their building.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 26, 2006.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

