CITY OF WASILLA RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 07-22

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 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 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 678 meals are delivered monthly 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;

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

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

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.

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

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 11, 2007.

DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC

City Clerk

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