

**RESOLUTION NO. 4870**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO  
SUPPORT ALASKA PIONEER HOMES, EDUCATIONAL FUNDING,  
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA IN ITS FY2020 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Dunleavy's FY2020 budget proposal includes funding cuts to Alaska Pioneer Homes, to education, and to the University of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Pioneer Homes have a proud history of service to Alaskans that predates statehood; the first Pioneer Home was established in 1913 in Sitka; and

**WHEREAS**, today Alaska Pioneer Homes serve over 460 Alaska seniors in six Homes throughout the state – in Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Sitka, Juneau, and Ketchikan; and

**WHEREAS**, the concept of the Pioneer Homes, state-owned and operated assisted living residences for seniors, is unique and recognizes a commitment by Alaska to its seniors, to help care for them and to help make it possible for them to remain living in the state they helped to build; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget cuts and rate increases undermine the history and purpose of Alaska's Pioneer Homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of Alaska faces severe cuts under the Governor's budget proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the University system has already experienced \$195 million in cumulative budget cuts over the last four years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposed cuts to base student allocation and the elimination of school bond debt reimbursement will have a devastating effect on K through 12 education here in the Fairbanks North Star Borough and throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, these budget cuts will not only have a direct adverse effect on education, Pioneer Homes, and the University but will also result in unknown collateral adverse impacts throughout the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairbanks City Council reaffirms its support for education, for Alaska's seniors, and for the University of Alaska and requests the legislators in the Alaska House and Senate to reject the proposed cuts to education, to Alaska Pioneer Homes, and to the University of Alaska in the Governor's FY2020 budget proposal.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 25th day of March 2019.




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**Jim Matherly, Mayor**

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the CONSENT AGENDA  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Cleworth  
APPROVED: March 25, 2019

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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D. Danyielle Snider, CMC, City Clerk



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Paul Ewers, City Attorney