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11 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
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13 RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 17

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15 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BASING KC-46A AT EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE,
16 ALASKA

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18 WHEREAS, The United States Air Force is evaluating possible bed down
19 locations for a KC-46 12 PAA (Primary Assigned Aircraft) unit and associated manpower;
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22 WHEREAS, With the buildup of manpower and construction/remodel of
23 new/existing facilities, the local economy will be significantly impacted, including the
24 housing market, jobs, and infrastructure; and

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26 WHEREAS, Eielson Air Force Base is strategically located to support air
27 sovereignty missions and support force flow to Pacific Command’s area of responsibility;
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30 WHEREAS, The Secretary of Defense has highlighted that homeland
31 defense is the Department of Defense’s number one priority; and

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33 WHEREAS, Eielson Air Force Base is in close proximity to strategic air
34 refueling tracks going east and west, which reduces overall cost to support combatant
35 commanders; and

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37 WHEREAS, Eielson Air Force Base anchors the Joint Pacific Alaska Range
38 Complex comprised of 67,000 square miles of airspace, 1.6 million acres of maneuver
39 training lands and related 48,000 square miles of surface, subsurface and overlying
40 airspace in the Gulf of Alaska; and
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42 WHEREAS, The training venues of Interior Alaska are recognized as national
43 treasures; have unparalleled size, capability, and characteristics; are essential to joint,
44 combined and coalition training of United States forces and those of its global allies; and
45 cannot be replicated elsewhere; and

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47 WHEREAS, The majority of Eielson Air Force Base’s personnel and families
48 live in the Fairbanks North Star Borough making them valued members of the “Fairbanks
49 Family” and part of the social and cultural fabric of Interior Alaska; and

50 WHEREAS, Many of the Eielson Air Force Base family members serve
51 Interior Alaska as educators, medical professionals and provide other essential services
52 to our community; and

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54 WHEREAS, Eielson Air Force Base is a crucial partner for Interior Alaska and
55 its economy; and

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57 WHEREAS, No other region of the country or the United States Pacific
58 Command Area of Responsibility can offer the United States Air Force as strategic, cost
59 effective and welcoming alternative for basing a KC-46A.

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61 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
62 North Star Borough strongly urges the Secretary of the Air Force; Chief of Staff of the Air
63 Force; and Commander, Pacific Air Forces to base KC-46A at Eielson Air Force Base,
64 Alaska.

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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the
67 Congressional Delegation; Mark T. Esper, Secretary of Defense; Barbara M. Barrett,
68 Secretary of the United States Air Force; David L. Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the United
69 States Air Force; and General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Commander Pacific Air Forces; Alaska
70 State Legislature and the appropriate committees reviewing this effort, the Interior
71 Delegation, and to Governor Michael Dunleavy.

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ADOPTED THE 12TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.

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Christopher Quist
Deputy Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cash, O’Neill, Lyke, Lojewski, Sanford, Quist
Noes: None
Other: Williams (Excused), Cooper (Excused)