

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 04/01/2013
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2643

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for Legislative Funding for Expansion of the Juneau Pioneer Home.

WHEREAS, Alaska has the fastest-growing senior population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2025 one in four Juneau residents will be a senior, age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, in the 2010 Juneau Senior Survey, responders cited availability of assisted living facilities, a type of housing where individuals receive help with the activities of daily living, as the primary need of local seniors, followed by health care services availability, cost of living control, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, also in the 2010 Juneau Senior Survey, nine out of ten responders indicated that they plan to remain in Juneau indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, at present, the Juneau Pioneer Home with 45 beds, is the only licensed assisted living facility of significant size in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 100 people on the Juneau Pioneer Home's active waiting list - indicating that they need immediate care, and over 1,300 on the inactive wait list; and

WHEREAS, without a substantial increase to Juneau's assisted living infrastructure, many of Juneau's senior citizens will need to obtain care outside of the Juneau community in the near future, forced to leave behind family, friends, and familiar groups and organizations; and

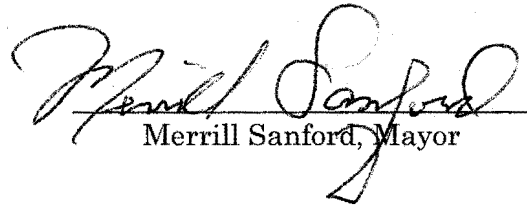
WHEREAS, in its Resolution 2013-01, dated February 22, 2013, the Juneau Commission on Aging recommended that the Assembly advocate to the Alaska Legislature in 2013 for an appropriation of approximately \$13 million for the expansion of the Juneau Pioneer Home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

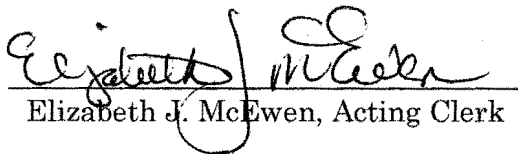
Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau urges the Alaska State Legislature to appropriate approximately \$13 million in 2013 for the expansion of the Juneau Pioneer Home.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2013.


Merrill Sanford, Mayor

Attest:


Elizabeth J. McEwen, Acting Clerk