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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Emergency Appropriation Resolution Serial No. 2893**

**An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating up to \$1,057,000 to the Manager for a COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.**

WHEREAS, consistent with Charter 9.10(b), upon declaration by the Assembly that a public emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms, the Assembly by resolution may make an emergency appropriation upon approval by all Assemblymembers present or by seven of its membership, whichever is the lesser number; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Assembly declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the City and Borough of Juneau (“CBJ”) received its first positive case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Stabilization Task Force recommended that the Assembly consider supplemental funding for childcare providers to assist them in reopening facilities; and

WHEREAS, childcare facilities must reopen to allow the economy to begin to return to normal; and

WHEREAS, childcare facilities run on very thin margins in our community and face special challenges to reopening due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, not all families feel comfortable immediately bringing their children to childcare and providers need time to work with families to determine if their childcare spots should be held or if the child will not be reenrolled; and

WHEREAS, additional staff are needed to assure appropriate social distancing measures are taken and to clean and sanitize the childcare spaces; and

WHEREAS, childcare centers anticipate a higher than normal need for substitute staff since employees who might normally work through “a few sniffles” will need to stay home until their symptoms clear up; and

WHEREAS, young children have a higher than normal illness rate as their bodies develop immunities to many viruses. Parents will be asked to keep symptomatic children at home which may impact tuition rates for the childcare providers; and

WHEREAS, childcare workers may perceive that working with young children carries a higher than normal level of COVID-related risk, which may put pressure on the labor pool; and

WHEREAS, for childcare providers to be successful, they will need some fiscal certainty to remain operational as they work to stabilize their workforce and enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program is being created by this resolution and program expenses were not accounted for in the FY20 budget; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program expenses were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 31, 2020.

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

**Section 1. Emergency Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of one million and fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$1,057,000.00) for a COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program to be granted to the Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) and used consistent with this resolution.

**Section 2. Source of Funds:**


CARES Act Special Revenue Fund	\$1,057,000.00
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**Section 3. COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program Purpose and Terms.** The program is subject to the following terms and conditions:


- (a) The COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program is only for licensed childcare providers that serve infant through preschool aged children.
- (b) The Manager is authorized to execute a grant agreement with AEYC for disbursement of COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program funds. AEYC is responsible for assuring the program funds are disbursed to eligible providers. AEYC shall be provided an administration grant of \$7,000.00 for program management.
- (c) Childcare providers seeking grants from the COVID-19 Child Care Relief Program must provide, at a minimum, proof of State of Alaska licensure, proof of normal capacity of facility, and certify that COVID-19 has caused economic hardship.
- (d) AEYC shall disburse no more than \$200,000.00 per month for June 1 through August 31, 2020. A childcare provider grant may equal up to 50 percent of tuition, but no more than \$500.00 per full time child, for their licensed capacity.
- (e) AEYC shall disburse no more than \$112,500.00 per month for September 1 through December 31, 2020. A childcare provider grant may equal up to \$250.00 per full time enrolled child for their licensed capacity. This stipend is intended to offset increased costs associated with operating under COVID related protocols.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective upon adoption. However, Section 1 of this resolution is conditioned upon the City and Borough of Juneau receiving CARES Act funding from the State of Alaska.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk