Presented by: The Mayor
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 4003

A Resolution Expressing Support for KTOO and Public Broadcasting.

WHEREAS, KTOO has spent more than half a century serving Alaskans with trusted news, lifesaving emergency response, and a deep commitment to bringing our community together through social, civic, and artistic engagement; and

WHEREAS, KTOO's Alaska Public Media services in Southeast Alaska include KTOO-TV, a full-time cable and satellite television channel, KTOO 360TV for its statewide legislative coverage, KRNN, and KXLL; and

WHEREAS, the funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is vital to providing these services with 33% of KTOO's annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the loss of CPB funding would jeopardize the following programs:

- The Emergency Alert System and Wireless Alert System in Juneau and statewide alerts through KTOO 360TV;
- KTOO's role in State Emergency Communications;
- Coordination of the role of local media in emergencies, reliant on KTOO's expertise on Juneau's Local Emergency Planning Committee;
- Accurate and timely reporting of local emergencies, as well as government and community responses and planning around these emergencies, such as the reporting on the recent annual glacial outburst flooding in the Mendenhall Valley;
- Nearly 30 jobs in our community and many more throughout Southeast Alaska at stations that pool our resources to effectively and efficiently deliver services;
- KTOO's role as the conduit through which many social, civic, and artistic entities communicate and build community; and
- Statewide access to Alaska legislative floor sessions, committee meetings, and Supreme Court oral arguments in Juneau on KTOO 360TV and ktoo.org.

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

Section 1. The City and Borough of Juneau hereby recognizes and commends KTOO for their outstanding contributions to the community through the operation of Alaska Public Media service to Southeast Alaska including KTOO-TV, a full-time cable and satellite television channel, KTOO 360TV for its statewide legislative coverage, KRNN, and KXLL. Further, this resolution is a testament to the City's support for public broadcasting and continued funding by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, whose support helps deliver quality broadcasting that enhances community welfare, civic participation, and public safety.

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

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2025.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk