

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALASKA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (ARDOR) IN THE STATE OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, the 15th Alaska State Legislature created the Alaska Regional Economic Assistance Program in 1988, establishing the formation of Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR) around Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the ARDOR Program's mission has remained consistent throughout the years: to encourage the formation of regional development organizations to prepare and implement regional development strategies; and

WHEREAS, over 25 years the program has been a critical link between Alaska's regions (primarily rural) and the State in terms of economic development needs and opportunities, challenges, and major issues impeding regional progress; and

WHEREAS, for minimal expense, the State of Alaska (through the ARDORs) provides support for local leaders to gather, mobilize, and execute initiatives to improve Alaska's statewide, regional, and local economies; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's vast and rural regions have their own unique challenges and solutions when it comes to economic development, and ARDORs provide the forum for stakeholders to come together and find common ground in local strategies that work; and

WHEREAS, in the final hours of the First Session of the 28th Legislature the bill to extend the termination date of the ARDOR program failed to pass out of conference committee, effectively terminating the program; and

WHEREAS, communities and businesses across Alaska have been discouraged to lose the program; and

WHEREAS, Governor Parnell retained the program money in the FY14 Alaska State Budget to leave the door open to fund ARDOR once a new bill passes to reestablish the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dillingham supports the reestablishment of the Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDOR) in the State of Alaska; and

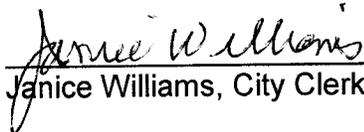
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dillingham urges the 28th Alaska Legislature to pass a bill to reestablish the program as soon as possible in order to fund the ARDORs in an expeditious manner.

PASSED and ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Dillingham City Council on September 5, 2013.

SEAL:


Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Williams, City Clerk

