

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 13-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION AND FULL FUNDING OF PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILT) FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the authorization for permanent Payment if Lieu of Taxes (PILT) payments was extended through 2013 as part of the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the federal 2014 budget proposes to extend authorization of the program an additional year through 2014, while a sustainable long-term funding solution is developed for the PILT Program; and

WHEREAS, the PILT payments help local governments carry out vital services, such as local school funding, firefighting, EMS summer programs and solid waste; and

WHEREAS, Denali National Park is located within the Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, Denali National Park has ceased to perform structural fire protection and advanced EMS services along the George Parks Highway near and within the Park; and

WHEREAS; the Denali National Park area is currently protected by the local volunteer fire departments and EMS which has placed a strain on local budgets; and

WHEREAS, local fire departments also perform support for major wildland fires within the Park; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough supports the local fire departments and EMS through the collection of Overnight Accommodations tax from hotels, B&B operations and campgrounds and PILT; and

WHEREAS, the Denali National Park does not collect OA tax from campers within the Park; and

WHEREAS, Congress needs to make sure that PILT payments adequately reimburse local governments for lost tax revenue associated with federal ownership of public lands; and

WHEREAS, in light of our state's growing fiscal crisis, PILT has become a critical component of local government budgets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Denali Borough Assembly that the Borough respectfully requests full funding of the PILT program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Denali Borough wishes to thank Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich and Congressman Don Young for their continued support of this vital program.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 11TH day of DECEMBER, 2013.



Mayor Clay Walker

ATTEST: 

Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk



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