CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 02-12-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE CORDOVA PIONEER IGLOO #19 BUILDING

WHEREAS, the building is located at Block 3, Lots 26, 27 Original Townsite of Cordova (on First Street); and

WHEREAS, The Pioneers of Alaska is a social organization established in 1907 at Nome, Alaska and the mission is to preserve the names of all Alaska pioneers and preserve Alaska pioneers on its rolls; further the Pioneers strive to collect and preserve the literature and incidents of Alaska's history; and to promote the best interests of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Pioneers of Alaska are a cultural preservation organization committed to conserving the history of individuals who have contributed to building Alaska and the membership is made up of individuals who have lived in Alaska at least 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Cordova Igloo #19 was established in 1920, and the Igloo building on Cordova's Main Street is one of the oldest buildings remaining in Cordova and is among Alaska's oldest Pioneer Igloo buildings, having been constructed in 1927 on land donated by Dr. William H. Chase, a founding member and an important historic figure; and

WHEREAS, for 85 years the Cordova Igloo #19 building has been an integral part of the community and continues to be a social center for Cordova offering the building to the public for many events including weddings, dinners, meetings, pie socials, dances, memorials, school events, and training seminars; and

WHEREAS, the building is now in need of rehabilitation and restoration and such a project will preserve the facility by stabilizing the log walls, rebuilding skirting/foundation, over hauling mechanical systems, strengthening the roof, replacing windows, re-siding and painting the building, insulating and providing weatherization for energy efficiency and this effort will ensure that community services will be continued and that the Pioneer building will maintain a presence on Cordova's Main Street as part of the town's historical character; and

WHEREAS, the progress to date is as follows: in 2010 efforts were begun to stabilize the structure, and $28,000 dollars was raised and $14,000 has been spent on the stabilization effort, however, there is much more work to be done; and

WHEREAS, this year Cordova Pioneer Igloo #19 has partnered with the National Park Service and Historical Architect Mr. Grant Crosby who conducted a site visit and prepared a condition assessment report with recommendations for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Cordova Pioneer Igloo #19 has also contracted with BBFM Engineers for a site visit to conduct a structural investigation and report and to produce recommended repairs

and design drawings capable of being put out to bid and a local contractor was hired to produce as-built drawings of the building; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this project would allow Cordova Pioneer Igloo #19 to do the necessary restoration and rehabilitation work on this historic structure and preserve it for the future while maintaining the historic character.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, hereby supports any and all work that helps with the restoration and rehabilitation of the Cordova Pioneer Igloo #19 building.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012

James Kallander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robyn Kincaid, Deputy City Clerk