Alaska Commission on Aging

RESOLUTION 2017-001

In support of the Governor's Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Senior Citizen Housing Development Fund

WHEREAS housing is a top priority for Alaska seniors and a statewide need; and

WHEREAS access to safe, quality, affordable housing is one of the most powerful social determinants of health and can significantly influence a senior’s health and health trajectory; and

WHEREAS the provision of appropriate, accessible, and affordable senior housing is an important strategy to sustain a healthy community for all ages and allows older Alaskans the means to live a high quality of life with dignity and contribute to their families and communities; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Senior Citizens Housing Development Fund is used to expand rental housing units for a growing Alaska senior population with incomes of low to moderate ranges and funds accessibility modifications to improve aging in place for Alaskans age 55 years and older; and

WHEREAS the State of Alaska Capital Budget for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation includes a significant investment from the Rasmuson Foundation in the amount of $1.75 million for the Senior Citizens Housing Development Fund and $1.0 million from AHFC that will assist older Alaskans to obtain safe, secure, affordable, and accessible housing; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Commission on Aging and the Senior Housing Office of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation work together to enhance the quality of life for Alaska’s senior citizen population, the fastest growing age demographic in the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Commission on Aging supports the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget request of $1.0 million for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation’s Senior Citizen Housing Development Fund, that will be added to the Rasmuson Foundation’s investment for a total budget of $2.75 million to support AHFC’s efforts to plan, develop, and renovate senior housing across Alaska.

Adopted this 7th day of February, 2017

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