

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 24-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANINE UNIT  
FOR THE BOROUGH VPSO PROGRAM, AND FOR RELATED  
PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS:** Section 12.08.005 of the Borough Code established the Northwest Arctic Borough Public Safety Commission to improve all aspects of public safety and law enforcement for the people of the Borough by identifying public safety needs, identifying available resources, and establishing and implementing strategies and comprehensive plans to meet those needs; and

**WHEREAS:** on June 6, 2024, the Public Safety Commission passed Resolution 24-01 supporting establishment of a canine program for the Borough's VPSO Program in order to help suppress the flow of illegal drugs into Borough communities and to assist with search and rescue efforts; and

**WHEREAS:** the transport of illegal drugs into Borough communities is a continuing public safety and health threat without an adequate means to curb the unlawful transport of drugs into the Borough; and

**WHEREAS:** illegal drug use is a catalyst for larger public safety and health risks that often result in serious injuries and even death to Borough residents; and

**WHEREAS:** illegal drug use also contributes to domestic violence, mental health problems, suicide, and a range of criminal activities; and

**WHEREAS:** the utilization of trained canines to interdict the flow of illegal drugs into Borough communities is the single most effective external mechanism to stop the flow of illegal drugs into the Borough; and

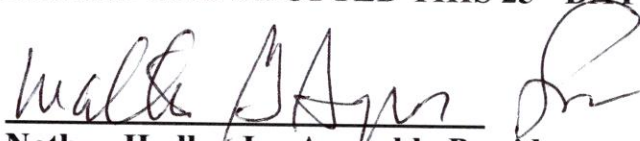
**WHEREAS:** a trained canine can also help with search and rescue efforts; and

**WHEREAS:** the State of Alaska Department of Public Safety does not have the resources or a program to provide a trained canine for the region; and

**WHEREAS:** the Borough Assembly supports the establishment of a canine unit for the Borough's VPSO Program and recommends adoption of such a program to the Borough Administration.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly supports the Borough's establishment of a canine unit for the Borough VPSO Program in order to provide meaningful interception of illegal drugs into Borough communities and assistance with search and rescue efforts.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.**

  
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Nathan Hadley Jr., Assembly President

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.**

 for Dickie Moto  
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Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

**SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.**

  
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Stella Atoruk, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:

