

Eagle River Valley Community Council  
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**Eagle River Valley Community Council Resolution No. 2018-3**  
**Resolution Supporting State-Local Cooperation to Support Eagle River  
and Birchwood Community Patrols**

WHEREAS, residents of the Eagle River area have experienced an alarming increase in crime rates in recent years, including property crime, offenses against persons, vehicle theft and multiple other offenses against public safety; and

WHEREAS, the continuing high unemployment rates, extended economic recession, epidemic in the abuse of opioids and other illegal drugs and other factors indicate that criminal activity will continue to be a serious concern for the community into the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle River and Birchwood Community Patrols have been operating successfully and safely in the Eagle River area since the fall of 2017 and since 2008 respectively, providing extra eyes on the community that supplement and help the Anchorage Police Department achieve its mission of fighting crime; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing state budget deficit makes it imperative that state money be spent in most efficient manner possible to achieve the intended results; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Walker on October 30, 2017, adopted a "Comprehensive Public Safety Action Plan" the goal of which is "to identify concrete action items that the state can make to help reverse the crime trend that began in 2011 and make Alaskans feel safer in their communities;" and

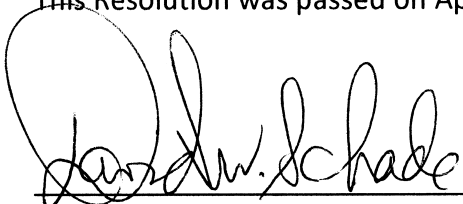
WHEREAS, Part II of that Plan, entitled "Ongoing and Short-Term Action Items" includes a bullet item on page 6 which reads: "9. Reach out to community partners to explore options to expand crime watch programs and other locally driven solutions to deter crime and improve public safety;" and

WHEREAS, community patrols have a demonstrated record of cost-efficient operations as a "crime watch program," operating with volunteer staff time, donated vehicles and equipment and other resources in seeking to prevent and discourage criminal activity in the areas in which they operate; and

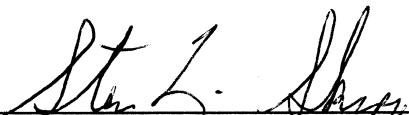
WHEREAS, state funding support to purchase motor fuel for community patrol vehicles would be an effective way to encourage and sustain the Eagle River and Birchwood Community Patrols in their mission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eagle River Valley Community Council calls on Governor Bill Walker to put his Public Safety Action Plan into action by providing funding in the FY2019 operating or capital budgets to provide the Eagle River and Birchwood Community Patrols with motor fuel to facilitate their continued operations in the interests of the safety and health of the residents of Eagle River.

This Resolution was passed on April 11, 2018 by vote of 11 yea, 0 nay, and 0 abstain.



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President



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Executive Board Member or Secretary