

Presented By:
Mayor Beneville
Action Taken:
Yes 5
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CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-12-01

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC FACILITIES PERFORM IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY REPAIRS
AND PRIORITIZE PERMANENT UPGRADES
TO THE MAIN NOME AIRPORT EAST-WEST RUNWAY**

WHEREAS, Nome and surrounding regional communities are not connected to the road system and are entirely dependent on air as the primary mode of transportation for movement of residents, mail and supplies, and medical travel/evacuations; and,

WHEREAS, a long-known and repeatedly addressed condition exists with the main Nome east-west runway where a “dip” routinely redevelops after reconstruction efforts due to subsurface ground conditions; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of recent deterioration, in November 2018 the operational length of the runway has been, out of necessity for safety concerns, reduced by 1,000 feet; and,

WHEREAS, the reduced operational length, combined with unusual winter thaw-freezing being experienced throughout the state and in our area degrades braking ability for aircraft, and has impacted scheduled commercial jet service, resulting in repeated routine back-to-back flight cancelations, which is negatively impacting the health, economy and welfare of Nome, as a transportation hub, and that of our surrounding regional communities;

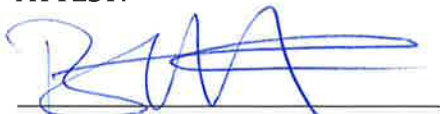
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council directs this Resolution to the Honorable Governor Mike Dunleavy and Alaska Department of Transportation/ Public Facilities Commissioner John MacKinnon, alerting to this emerging and dire situation, and requesting immediate steps be taken to perform temporary emergency repairs or make any operational adjustments to allow the full length of the east-west runway to be available for jet aircraft, and that a permanent repair be prioritized to be undertaken during summer 2019.

APPROVED and SIGNED this 10th day of December, 2018.



RICHARD BENEVILLE, Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk