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EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BETHEL, ALASKA      MARCH, 2019

**RESOLUTION 19-03-01**

**TITLE:      Resolution Opposing Governor Dunleavy's Proposed Budget Cuts**

WHEREAS The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) is the recognized tribal organization and non-profit Alaska Native regional corporation for its fifty-six member indigenous Native villages within Western Alaska; and

WHEREAS AVCP fully supports its member villages in all aspects of their self-determination, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS On February 13, 2019, Governor Dunleavy's budget proposal included approximately \$1.8 billion in cuts; and

WHEREAS Many of the proposed cuts will have a direct negative impact and deleterious effect on the people, communities, and Tribes of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, including:

- \$3 million cut to the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program;
- Elimination of the Power Cost Equalization Endowment Fund – converting those funds to general fund dollars;
- Reducing roughly \$707 million in Medicaid funds, over half of which is federal receipt authority;
- Eliminating approximately \$17.1 million for the Tribal Assistance Program;
- \$325 million cut to K-12 education, including, eliminating State funding for Early Childhood Education programs such as Head Start and Pre-Kindergarten ("Pre-K");
- \$134 million cut to the University of Alaska, which could result in the closure of the Kuskokwim Campus in Bethel;
- Reducing funding for rural airports; and
- Eliminating State funding for Alaska Legal Services Corporation.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board formally objects to the Governor's budget proposal which includes the cuts listed above, as well as other cuts that will negatively impact this Region; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board urges the Alaska Legislature to do what is in the best interests of the people, Tribes, and communities of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board also urges the Alaska State Legislature to continue programs that directly contribute to the health, safety, welfare, and education of the people, Tribes, and communities of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

ADOPTED by the Association of Village Council Presidents Executive Board by a poll vote of 13 yeas, \_\_\_ nays, and 0 abstentions, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

  
Raymond Watson, Chair

  
Vivian Korthuis, Chief Executive Officer