Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Norton Sound Health Corporation **Federal Tax ID:** 920041488

Project Title: **Project Type:** New Construction and Land Acquisition

Norton Sound Health Corporation - Long Term Care Facility Construction

State Funding Requested: $8,445,000 **House District:** 39 / T

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Complete Final Phase of the construction of Long Term Care Facility, Quyanna Care Center.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	$17,379,000
Funding Already Secured:	($8,934,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	($8,445,000)
Project Deficit:	$0

Funding Details:

2012 State Phase I $7,000,000

2011 Denali Commission $1,024,000

2010 Norton Sound Health Corporation $910,000

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

We are requesting funding from the State Capital Budget. Since 1988 NSHC has operated a 15 bed Long Term Care Facility, Quyanna Care Center (QCC) within the existing hospital. Availability of Long Term Care in the region is essential, as evidenced by the constant waiting list of elders seeking to be admitted.

Our new hospital location is presently two miles away. It would not be feasible to maintain QCC at its current location. If we maintain QCC at the old hospital campus it would result in increased staffing and operational costs for both the QCC and Hospital Programs, as well as overall increased facilities management and utility costs.

The State Legislature agreed to fund the QCC Project, but decided on a phased distribution, with $7,000,000 appropriated in FY2012 and $8,445,000 in FY2013. NSHC is requesting an increase of $544,000 for phased funding, compressed project schedule, remote location and new medical program requirements to complete the 18 Bed Long Term Care Facility (QCC) in FY 2013.

Contact Name: Paul LaBolle
Contact Number: 465-3789

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

$7,550,000
Approved

3:19 PM 5/2/2012

Project Timeline:

2010 complete building pad and concept design, foundation piles purchased
2011 complete final design,installed foundation piles, procure and install structural steel,construction contract awarded.
2012 Complete construction and move to the New Regional Facility.
NSHC must execute Phase II SKW-Eskimo, Inc contract no later than January 16, 2012 to maintain schedule. SKW-Eskimo, Inc remobilizes and start exterior enclosure on March 26, 2012.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Norton Sound Health Corporation

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name:	Deven Palikar
Title:	President/CEO
Address:	306 West Fifth Avenue (PO Box 966)
	Nome, Alaska 99762
Phone Number:	(907)443-3206
Email:	dparlikar@nshcorp.org

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? [X] Yes [ ] No

For use by Co-chair Staff Only:

3:19 PM 5/2/2012

Contact Name: Paul LaBolle
Contact Number: 465-3789

NORTON SOUND
HEALTH CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 966
NOME, ALASKA 99762
(907) 443-3311

January 31, 2012

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Alaska State Capitol Building, Third Floor
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Subject: **Norton Sound Health Corporation**
2013 Long Term Care Facility & Assisted Living Priorities

Dear Governor Parnell:

Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is pleased to provide you with our 2013 Long Term Care and Assisted Living Legislative Priorities. Several meetings have been held with the NSHC Board, the Village Traditional Councils, Village City Councils, and the NSHC Board committees.

As the only health care provider in the Bering Strait Region, we seek the State of Alaska's assistance and support for the Long Term Care Facility and Assisted Living Capital Projects. Your advocacy for our regional priority health needs and issues ensures the health care needs of NSHC are addressed.

NSHC has prioritized the following capital projects for consideration:

PRIORITY 1:

- **LONG TERM CARE FACILITY, Phase II of 2 Year State Funding**

Since 1988, NSHC has operated a 15 bed Long Term Care facility, Quyanna Care Center (QCC), within the existing hospital. In 2009 and 2010 QCC received the Quality Award from Mountain Pacific Health for Alaska Nursing Homes. In 2011 QCC received a national award from Great American Nursing Home. This ranks within the top tier nationwide for consistently exceeding resident expectations as demonstrated by a 5 Star rating from Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services.

Availability of Long Term Care in the region is essential to maximize the quality of life for our elders living in the Bering Strait Region. The Phase II funding will complete our new 18 bed QCC, when NSHC moves to the New Regional Hospital in 2012. Our accomplishments since 2010 are completing the building pad, purchased and installed foundation piles, the final design and installed the structural steel. With the winter shutdown in November, 2011, SKW-Eskimos, Inc. will remobilize and start up on March 26, 2012.

"Serving the communities of: Brevig Mission, Council, Diomede, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, King Island, Koyuk, Mary's Igloo, Nome, St. Michael, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Solomon, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, White Mountain."

PRIORITY 2:

- **Assisted Living Facility**

Construct a new 10 unit facility across the street from the new hospital by 2013, which will allow us to move our Elders living in Anchorage, Fairbanks or out of state back to our region. NSHC has constructed and completed a building pad in 2010.

We thank you for your leadership and continued support to meet the needs of your constituents in our region. Should you have any questions, please contact Deven Parlikar at 907-443-3206.

Sincerely,

Emily Hughes, Board Chair

Deven Parlikar, President/CEO

Cc: Senator Donny Olson
Representative Neal Foster
Alaska Bush Caucus – Representative Reggie Joule, Senator Lyman Hoffman

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION REQUESTS AND HEALTH RELATED REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Resolution 2012- 01

WHEREAS, Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) is the federally recognized consortia authorized to contract and compact for health and related services by and for the 20 federally recognized tribes in the Bering Strait region; and

WHEREAS, the Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors annually establishes the top state health priorities for the Bering Strait Region in consultation with its member Tribes; and

WHEREAS, over the years, NSHC works closely with its Tribal Councils to advocate for regional priority health needs and issues as well as for health priorities identified by individual Bering Strait Tribal communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors, acting in regular session, hereby adopts the following FY2013 State Health Capital and Program Priorities for the Bering Strait Region:

2013 <u>State Appropriation Requests:</u>

1. **Long Term Care Facility - $7.901M**
2. **Assisted Living Facility - $7.835M**

2013 <u>State Health Related Regional Priorities:</u>

1. **Village Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Projects**
   - Native Village of Diomede
   - Chinik Eskimo Community
   - Native Village of Shishmaref
   - Native Village of Gambell
   - Native Village of Teller
2. **Suicide Prevention**
3. **Residential Treatment/Detox Facility - $12M**
4. **Breakwater/Runway for Passenger/Patient Transport Diomede - $50M**
5. **EMS & Firefighting Equipment (Code Red) – $405,269**
6. **Village Clinic Operations & Maintenance Supplemental Funding-(Utilities & Heating Fuel)-$3M**
7. **Housing for Village Based Mid Levels, Dental Health Aide Therapists, VPSOs - $8M**
8. **Vehicles for Villages (Code Blue) $1.2M**
9. **Planning Funds for Treatment & Research Center - $250,000**
10. **State Grant Program Inflationary Energy Funding–Increase Funding to keep up with inflation**
11. **Support for PCE to include Healthcare Facilities - Continued Funding**

Village Health Priorities for:

Native Village of Diomede

- New Replacement Clinic
- Drug Concerns
- Small Boat Harbor
- Stabilizing Loose Boulders above Village
- Burial Site Upgrade
- Purchase Portable Generators for emergency use
- Clinic Medical Equipment Upgrade
- Law Enforcement in the Community
- Cable TV System
- Play Ground Update
- New Homes

Native Village of Unalakleet

- Elevated Landfill
- Culvert on evacuation road on east end
- Elders Facility

Native Village of Savoonga

- New Replacement Clinic
- Itinerant Housing

Native Village of Gambell

- Replacement Clinic
- Emergency Shelter
- Teen Center
- Elder Care Programs
- City Dump Relocation
- Seawall along the airport
- Itinerant Housing

Native Village of Shishmaref

- New Replacement Clinic
- Social Center
- Elder Care
- Fire Department Up-grade
- Relocation and Erosion

Native Village of Shaktoolik

- New Replacement Clinic
- Environmental Erosion Restoration Funding

Native Village of Wales

- Renovation of Clinic

Chinik Eskimo Community

- Relocation of Generator Building
- Relocation of Bulk Fuel Storage Tanks/Alternative Energy
- Heavy Equipment for rock quarry
- Erosion Control
- Roads, including to Subsistence areas
- New Store Building
- Small Boat Harbor
- Cross Wind Runway
- Recreational Center/Day Care Building
- Own Zip Code
- New Post Office

Native Village of Koyuk

- Multi-Purpose Building to house
  - SAR/Fire Dept
  - Recreation
  - Boy/Girl Scouts
  - Shop
- Elder Van
- Heavy Equipment for Community Use
  - Crusher
  - Dozer
  - Ripper
  - Dumptruck
  - Grader
- Extend/Pave Airport
- Search and Rescue Equipment
  - Radios
  - Sleds
  - Vehicles
- Baseball Field/Park
- Sawmill for Log Cabins
- Townsite Plat
- Washeteria
- Qargi/Cultural Center

Stebbins Community Association

- Teen Center
- Emergency Fire Response Packs

Native Village of Teller

- Connect Water/Sewer Line for the Clinic to the School as By-Pass
- Repair Seawall
- New Morgue
- Search and Rescue Equipment, including Boat and Motor
- Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Detectors/each household
- Back-up snowmachine and sled
- First Aid Kits for each household

Native Village of White Mountain

- New Store
- Fire Hall
- Roads/Gravel Source/Road Improvements
- New Housing
- Water Shed
- Elder Programs
- Youth Programs
- Language

Resolution 2012-01

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Directors supports the FY 2013 State of Alaska Legislative and Regional Priority Packets as presented to the State Legislature by its member Tribal Councils from the following communities: Brevig Mission, Council, Diomede, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, King Island, Koyuk, Mary's Igloo, Nome Eskimo Community, St. Michael, Savoogna, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Solomon, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales and White Mountain.

Passed this 14th **day of** November **at the duly convened meeting of the Norton Sound Health Corporation Board of Director's Meeting.**

By: Emily Hughes
Signature

Emily Hughes, NSHC Board Chair

Attest: Berda Willson
Signature

Berda Willson, NSHC Board Secretary

Norton Sound Health Corporation
FY 2013 Long Term Care (QCC) Project
January 31, 2012

Goals

- By November 2012 NSHC will complete an 18 bed facility to coincide with the move to the New Regional Hospital.
- Achieve cost efficiencies by constructing new facility coincident with the New Regional Hospital.
- Avoid leaving our Quyanna Care Center Residents in the existing hospital structure, an indefensible and unsustainable scenario.

Budget Outlined

Planning, Design and Pre-Construction Phase	-	$ 1,250,000
Prime Construction Contract	-	12, 700,000
New Regional Hospital Connections	-	295,000
Equipment, Furniture, Artwork	-	625,000
Permits, Inspection, PM, Contingency, etc.	-	2,509,000
		$17,379,000

Funding Received – Phase I

NSHC	$ 910,000
Denali Commission	$1,024,000
State - Phase I	$7,000,000
Total	$8,934,000

Funding Requested – Phase II

State - Phase II Request - $8,445,000

Total Estimate for the New Long Term Care Project - $17,379,000

Schedule		**Status**
2010:	Construct building pad	Complete
	Purchase foundation piles	Complete
	Programming/concept design	Complete
2011:	Final design	Complete
	Install foundation piles	Complete
	Construction Contract	Awarded
	Procure and install structural steel	Complete
2012:	Complete construction	
	Move to New Regional Facility	

Recent / Upcoming Milestones

- Fire Marshall permit received November 10, 2011
- Conformed drawings to be published November 18, 2011
- Winter shutdown on November 21, 2011
- NSHC executed Phase II SKW contract on January 24, 2012 in order to maintain schedule
- SKW remobilizes to site and starts exterior enclosure on March 26, 2012

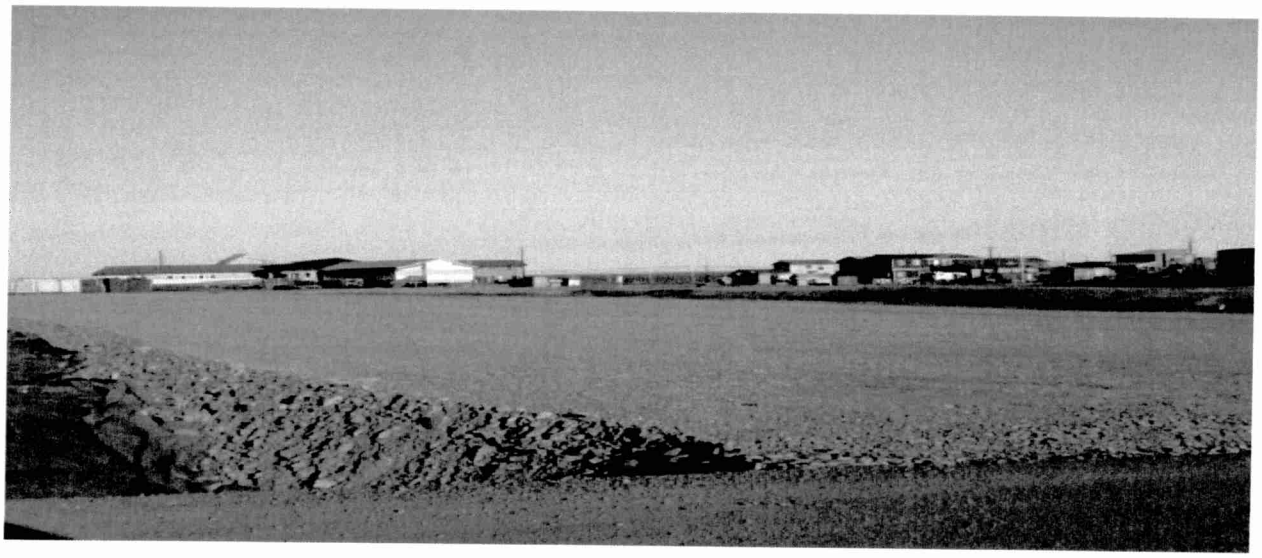
Norton Sound Health Corporation
FY 2013 Assisted Living Project
November 23, 2011

Goals

- Construct a new 10 unit facility across the street from the New Regional Hospital by 2013.
- Move Elders currently living in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and out of the state back to Nome.

Funding Received		Funding Requested	
NSHC	$390,000	State Request	$7,835,000

Schedule		Status
2010:	Construct building pad	Complete
2011:	Design	On hold pending outcome of Master Plan
2012:	Start Construction	
2013:	Complete construction	



Potential Site – New Pad, diagonally across from the new hospital

State Appropriation Request
FY 2013 Long Term Care Facility
January 30, 2012

Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC), based in Nome, Alaska, was founded in 1970 to serve the health care needs of the Inupiat, St. Lawrence Yupik, and Yu'pik people of the Bering Strait Region of Northwest Alaska. Each year NSHC negotiates an annual compact with the Indian Health Service (I.H.S.) for its funding levels. The federal government, through the IHS, is constructing a new regional hospital in Nome funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

Long Term Care Facility ($8,445M)

Since 1988, NSHC has operated a 15 bed long term care facility, Quyanna Care Center (QCC), within the existing hospital. QCC continues to maximize the quality of life for residents living in the Bering Strait Region who have made QCC their home. Availability of Long Term Care in the region is essential, as evidenced by the constant waiting list of elders seeking to be admitted to QCC.

Staff makes every effort to maintain a very high level of care by ensuring that patient safety and quality of care comes first. In 2009 and 2010 QCC received the Quality Award from Mountain Pacific Health for Alaska Nursing Homes.

In 2011 QCC received a national award from Great American Nursing Home. This ranks within the top tier nationwide for consistently exceeding resident expectations as demonstrated by a 5 Star rating from Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services.

It is not feasible to maintain QCC at its current location two miles from the New Regional Hospital without jeopardizing quality of care for elders in the facility. Maintaining the QCC at the old hospital campus would result in increased staffing/operational costs for both the QCC and Hospital programs, as well as overall increased facilities management/utility costs.

The State supports health care in the Bering Strait Region with Public Health Nursing, Medicaid, Behavioral Health, Women – Infants – Children (WIC), Community Health Aide, and other programs. A 2007 study by the Pacific Health Policy Group, commissioned by the Alaska State Legislature, indicated that a statewide shift of long term care services from the private sector to the tribal healthcare system would result in savings of $36 million over ten years. Through the 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) Program at an IHS or tribal facility, the State saves approximately $1 million per year from the State's general fund for every year a facility is in operation.

NSHC has completed important milestones with the funding appropriated in 2012. In 2010, the pad for the facility was completed, foundation piles were purchased and the Programming/concept design was completed. Funding for this project is being provided in two separate fiscal years which required that the construction scope and contract be split into two separate phases, which is inherently more complex and less efficient.

The only way to complete the QCC Facility the same time as the New Regional Hospital was to enter into a General Contractor/Construction Manager design assist construction contract in 2011 based on preliminary construction estimates. This model allowed structural steel to be procured, shipped (barging is the only option for Nome), and erected in 2011, prior to completing final design. Final design documents were published in November, 2011 and more precise construction estimates are now in hand based on these documents.

In 2011, the final design was reviewed by the Fire Marshall, foundation piles were put in and completed, construction contract was awarded to SKW-Eskimo, Inc, and building construction started on the steel erection in September, and anticipates 100% design documents by the end of October. With construction started in 2011 and completed in December, 2012 the total cost to design, construct and equip a new facility is estimated to be **$17,379,000.** Despite the strides we have made, if we do not get the balance of the funding in FY 2013, the QCC cannot be completed and will not open with the New Regional Hospital. Furthermore, additional funding delays will increase total project cost.

It was originally estimated that the baseline cost to construct a new Quyanna Care Center Facility would increase by $3M if construction was delayed until after the New Regional Hospital completion (new contractor mobilization costs and no economy of scale related to management, equipment, and other general support cost), plus $500K for every year of delay due to inflation. Although construction has already begun, remobilizing contractors, protection of the structure in place, and redesigns for applicable code updates, could result in a cost increase in excess of the $3M. The impacts of not following through with the states funding commitment go beyond cost premiums and patient care. Other liabilities include; vandalism, local children getting hurt on the unused structure, and leaving a building standing, which was never intended to remain incomplete in arctic conditions. As you can see, it is imperative we receive the remaining funding to complete QCC as scheduled.

Considering the $910,000 NSHC has contributed, Denali Commission has authorized $1,024,000 and the $7M appropriated by the State for Phase I in FY 2012, the current funding shortfall is $8,445M. This amount is needed in the FY 2013 State Budget. NSHC is requesting $8,445M to complete the Quyanna Care Center in FY 2013.

The State Legislature agreed to fund the QCC Project, but decided on a phased distribution, with $7,000,000 appropriated in FY 2012 and the remainder in FY 2013. Funding for this project is being provided in two separate fiscal years which required that the construction scope and contract be split into two separate phases, which is inherently more complex and less efficient.

Detailed Long Term Care Information

Budget Outlined

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Prime Construction Contract	-	12, 700,000
New Regional Hospital Connections	-	295,000
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Permits, Inspection, PM, Contingency, etc.	-	2,509,000
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Funding Received

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Funding Requested

State Phase II FY2013 $8,445,000

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October 25, 2011

Mr. Roy Agloinga, Acting President
Norton Sound Health Corporation
PO Box 966
Nome, Alaska 99762

Dear Roy:

On behalf of Kawerak Incorporated, I am writing to express our full support for Norton Sound Health Corporation's efforts to procure funding to construct a Long Term Care Facility and Assisted Living Facility in close proximity to the new hospital.

NSHC's current long term care facility – "Quyanna Care" – is housed at the existing hospital site. When NSHC moves its operations to the new hospital, it will be extremely difficult to continue to operate Quyanna Care at the old hospital. The facility is old, expensive to maintain and heat, there would be many logistical problems. For example, NSHC would have to operate two dietary departments – one at the old hospital to feed the elders and one at the new hospital for patients, visitors and staff. It would be logistically challenging to provide medical care to the Elders, since they would have to be transported to the new facility for physical therapy, x-rays, etc. and other needed services. Doctors and other medical staff would also have to travel to the old facility to provide routine and emergency services to the Elders.

It is less expensive to the State of Alaska to support long term care services within a tribal or IHS facility, since the federal government reimburses the cost of care at 100% for services within an IHS or Tribal Facility and only 60% within other facilities. This facility is greatly needed in the region, since without a facility in the region; Elders would have to be transported to Anchorage, Fairbanks or other areas, to receive the services they need at a higher cost to the State of Alaska. By keeping our Elders within the region, family members are also able to keep in close contact with their loved one.

We are also supportive of NSHC's efforts to construct an Assisted Living Facility. We have many elders in the region who require assistance on a daily basis but do not require skilled nursing care. There is no facility in the region that provides the intermediate level of assistance between assistance at home and admittance into Long Term Care.

We encourage our legislature, funders and agencies to assist NSHC with meeting these needs.

Sincerely,

KAWERAK INCORPORATED

L. Bullard

Loretta Bullard
President

King Island Native Community

October 28, 2011

Quyanna Care Center
Norton Sound Health Corporation
PO Box 966
Nome, AK 99762

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Having the Quyanna Care Center is extremely vital to our people here in the Bering Strait Region. We thank you for your support in funding this new facility for our Elders of the Region.

The residents of the Bering Strait Region need this facility as part our hospital.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Payenna

Benjamin Payenna, Chief

King Island Native Community

Nome Eskimo Community
Box 1090
Nome, Alaska 99762
Phone (907) 443-2246
Fax (907) 443-3539

October 26, 2011

Governor Sean Parnell
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Ak 99811

RE: Letter of Support for the NSHC Quyanna Care Center

Dear Governor Parnell:

We write to express our support for the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Quyanna Care Center that is being constructed in close proximity to the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital. We are very appreciative for the $7 million provided to NSHC for Phase I of the project and we request your continued support for Phase II.

It is a priority of the NSHC to provide the elders in our region with quality long-term care. Nome Eskimo Community is very supportive of their efforts to construct a new facility next to the new hospital. Being in close proximity will ensure immediate access to the medical services that are critical when caring for elderly patients and also aid in ensuring the continuity of quality care for our elders.

The scheduled occupancy date for the new Norton Sound Regional Hospital is October 2012. With your continued support, NSHC can complete construction of the new facility and also attain their goal of moving elders into the new center in conjunction with the occupancy date for the new hospital.

We thank you for the on-going support for the project that will serve many elders in the Bering Strait region.

Sincerely,

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY

Denise Barengo

Denise Barengo, Executive Director

Presented by:
Councilman Andersen
Action Taken:
Yes 6 No 0
Abstain 0

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-11-04

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION LONG TERM CARE FACILITY FUNDING REQUEST

WHEREAS, long term care in the Nome region is essential to maximize quality of life for local elders; and

WHEREAS, Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) currently operates Quyanna Care Center, a long term care facility, at the existing NSHC hospital in the City of Nome; and,

WHEREAS, construction on the new NSHC hospital continues, with estimated completion in late 2012, at a location two miles from the current hospital; and,

WHEREAS, it is not feasible to maintain a long term care facility at a separate site from the new hospital due to higher operational and staffing costs; and,

WHEREAS, expenses for a new long term care facility could be minimized if scheduled coincident to the new hospital construction and opening; and,

WHEREAS, for the new long term care facility project NSHC has committed $910,000 of its Board Designated Assets, the Denali Commission has contributed $1,024,000, and the State of Alaska Legislatures appropriated $7,000,000 in FY 2012; and,

WHEREAS, after current funding, the amount necessary to complete the project without increase due to delayed construction is $7,901,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council supports the request of Norton Sound Health Corporation for $7,901,000 in the FY 2013 State Budget for funding of a new Long Term Care Facility.

APPROVED the 16th day of November, 2011 and **SIGNED** this 22nd day of November, 2011.

DENISE MICHELS, Mayor

ATTEST:

VANESSA MUSICH, City Clerk

Presented by:
Councilman Andersen
Action Taken:
Yes 6 No Ø
Abstain Ø

CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-11-11-05

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE NOME COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Nome, Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC), and several other Nome entities support the need for an Assisted Living Facility in the immediate region; and

WHEREAS, no facility in the area is able to provide assistance with daily living activities for elders or physically disabled adults; and,

WHEREAS, studies show a high number of elders and physically disabled adults have been required to leave the Nome region to access necessary assistance with daily living activities; and,

WHEREAS, a higher quality of life could be achieved for these individuals if such means were available locally; and,

WHEREAS, NSHC has proposed to build a ten unit Assisted Living Facility in Nome near the location of the new NSHC regional hospital; and,

WHEREAS, NSHC has procured the land and completed the building pad, and estimates a cost of $8,225,000 to design, construct, and equip the facility; and,

WHEREAS, for the Assisted Living Facility project NSHC has contributed $390,000 of its Board Designated Assets; and,

WHEREAS, the current shortfall for the facility is $7,835,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council supports the Norton Sound Health Corporation Assisted Living Facility project and urges the State of Alaska to consider appropriating funding for development of a Nome Assisted Living Facility.

APPROVED the 16th day of November, 2011 and **SIGNED** this 22nd day of November, 2011.

DENISE MICHELS, Mayor

ATTEST:

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VANESSA MUSICH, City Clerk