



Membership Resolution 15-05

A Resolution of the SWAMC Membership Requesting Alaska Legislature to Consider Less Severe Cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Service

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is facing an unprecedented budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2016, and likely additional fiscal years in the near future; and

WHEREAS, a budget shortfall of this magnitude results in tough choices and difficult cuts in all facets of State Government all across Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Public Broadcasting Services is a statewide service supported by the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, public broadcasting provides a wealth of civic, cultural, and education information to Alaska residents, not to mention programming and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the public broadcasting budget is facing a proposed 59% reduction in the House Finance Subcommittee on Administration; and

WHEREAS, cuts to all segments of government are expected for FY16, but the 59% reduction to public broadcasting seems disproportionate and will adversely affect the availability of service across Alaska, especially in rural Alaska where public broadcasting is often the primary means of entertainment and community and regional information sharing.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference that the membership respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature consider less severe cuts to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Services in the FY2016 budget discussions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Board this 6th Day of March, 2015.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:

Alice Ruby, SWAMC President

Doug Griffin, Executive Director