

**RESOLUTION NO. 4756, AS AMENDED**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA AVALANCHE INFORMATION CENTER'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON SAFE WINTER BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska is currently ranked number one in the nation for snowmobile-related injuries and deaths per capita; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska State Department of Public Safety spends more than \$1 million per year on search and rescue missions related to backcountry travel; and

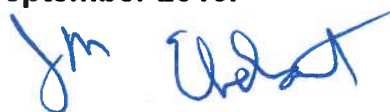
**WHEREAS**, Alaska's youth are operating snowmobiles and participating in snowmobile-related activities on a regular basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska's youth continue to be attracted to wilderness and mountains of Alaska for a variety of winter activities, and motorized vehicles like snowmobiles put them at greater risk for injury; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there is no practical, simple, and effective training method on backcountry travel for skiers and snowmobile users.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fairbanks recognizes the need for skier and snowmobile safety education to help reduce unintentional injuries and deaths and supports the Alaska Avalanche Information Center's efforts to develop and deliver a safety training course to educate Alaska residents and visitors to Alaska on backcountry skiing and snowmobile safety.

**PASSED and APPROVED this 12th day of September 2016.**



**John Eberhart, Mayor**

AYES: Huntington, Matherly, Gatewood, Pruhs, Cleworth, Rogers  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
APPROVED: September 12, 2016

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
D. Danyelle Snider, CMC, City Clerk  
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