

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1379

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY AND
BOROUGH OF JUNEAU YOUTH COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, in March 1987, the Assembly established the Blue Ribbon Commission on Youth, and the goal of the commission was to enhance and foster the well-being and healthy development of youth in Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Commission presented its final report to the Assembly and the citizens of Juneau in May 1988, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Human Resources Committee has worked with staff and various agencies to study and implement the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission, and

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission related to the establishment of an all-youth body to formulate and represent the views of youth in the community, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly recognizes the need to give youth a voice in government and has determined that an all-youth commission should be established as one means of fostering and promoting the health, well-being, and education of our youth and assuring that the needs and desires of our youth are being addressed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. Commission Established. There is established the City and Borough of Juneau Youth Commission. The commission shall consist of nine members, all of whom shall be between 14 and 19 years of age, appointed by the Assembly to serve for two-year staggered terms; provided the terms of the initial commission members shall be as follows: five members shall be appointed for a two-year term, and four shall be appointed for a one-year term. Commission members shall be persons

interested in and actively engaged in promoting the health, welfare, and general improvement in the quality of life for young people in and around the City and Borough of Juneau. In making appointments to the commission, the Assembly will strive to ensure that the membership reflects a balance of ages and gender, and includes youth from a variety of school programs and ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.

2. Purposes of the Commission. The purposes of the commission are as follows:

(a) To advise and assist the Assembly, the Board of Education, and the city and borough administration on policy issues effecting youth, including but not limited to recreation and the arts, community and social services, education, employment and income maintenance, health, nutrition, transportation, legal services, involvement with the judicial system, runaway problems, substance abuse issues, and youth citizen involvement in the community.

(b) To gather information from other youth in the community on the problems, concerns, and needs of the youth of Juneau, and report annually to the Assembly on the information obtained.

(c) To assist in the coordination of youth-related activities with youth and other organizations, including but not limited to student councils, student committees and organizations, parent groups, the city and borough Parks and Recreation Department, the Zach Gordon Youth Center, and other agencies and organizations involved with youth.

(d) To serve as the advisory board for the Valley Teen Center.

(e) To serve as an advisory body for city and borough sponsored youth activities, such as teen dances and sports activities.

3. Assembly Liaison. The Assembly Human Resources Committee will serve as the Assembly liaison for the commission. In carrying out this function, the committee will hold joint meetings with the commission as determined appropriate, work with the commission to increase public awareness of the needs of youth and approaches to addressing those needs, and assist the commission in providing programs which alert young people to the resources and services available to them.

4. Procedures. The rules of procedure for Assembly advisory committees as established by Resolution Serial No. 1180, as amended by Resolution Serial No. 1213, shall govern the conduct of business by the commission.

5. Staff Assistance. Staff support and assistance to the commission shall be provided by the city and borough parks and recreation and health and social services departments, as available and appropriate.

6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 15th day of May, 1989.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk