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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT
LEGISLATION GIVING PREFERENTIAL HIRE TO ALASKANS.

WHEREAS, because of its unique climate and its distance from the contiguous states this state has historically suffered from unique social, seasonal, geographic, and economic conditions that result in an unstable economy, and

WHEREAS, the unstable economy is a hardship on the residents of the state and is aggravated by the large numbers of seasonal and transient nonresident workers, and

WHEREAS, the rate of unemployment among residents of the state is one of the highest in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the state has one of the highest ratios of nonresident to resident workers in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the state has a compelling interest in reducing the level of unemployment among its residents, and

WHEREAS, the construction industry in the state accounts for a substantial percentage of the available employment, and

WHEREAS, construction workers receive a greater percentage of all unemployment benefits paid by the state than is typical of other states, and

WHEREAS, historically the rate of unemployment in the construction industry in the state is higher than the rate of unemployment in other industries in the state, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the state to consider the welfare of its residents when it funds construction activity, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the state to allocate public funds for capital projects in order to reduce unemployment among its resident construction workers, and

WHEREAS, immigration of nonresident construction workers contributes to or causes the high unemployment rate among resident construction workers because nonresident workers compete with residents for the limited number of available construction jobs, and

WHEREAS, nonresident workers displace a substantial number of qualified, available, and unemployed Alaskan workers on jobs on state-funded public works projects, and

WHEREAS, the state has a special interest in seeing that the benefits of state construction spending accrue to its residents, and

WHEREAS, the natural resources of land owned by the state belong to the citizens of the state, and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the state's revenue is derived from these royalties rather than from other forms of taxation, and

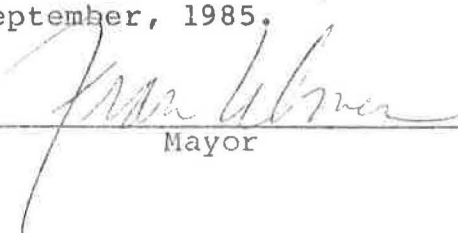
WHEREAS, because the state has no personal income tax or sales tax, nonresident workers use services provided by the state but do not contribute fairly to the costs of those services, and

WHEREAS, Alaskans, more than residents of other states, suffer economically when nonresidents displace qualified residents since resident workers contribute local taxes as well as their share of the royalties from natural resources;

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

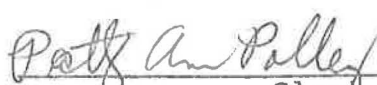
That the Juneau legislative delegation is urged to work with the administration to seek a practical and constitutional method to provide for the preferential hire of Alaskans in public construction contracts.

Adopted this 9th day of September, 1985.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk