

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2400

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the Creation of the Alaska Housing Trust Fund by the Alaska State Legislature.

WHEREAS, the Juneau Affordable Housing Commission (JAHC) was created by the City and Borough to address the public need for affordable housing, where households pay no more than 30% of their income to the cost of housing; and

WHEREAS, JAHC recognizes the strategic mission of the Alaska Housing Trust to “invest in permanent affordable housing and reduce homelessness through the creation and retention of an adequate supply of housing” is consistent with the Commission's purpose of providing affordable housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, according to the State of Alaska, approximately 3,500 Alaskans are homeless on any given night, including 1,600 people in families with children, and more than 3,000 children were homeless or inadequately housed at some time during the 2005-2006 school year; and

WHEREAS, according to the State of Alaska, approximately 4,000 Alaskan households mostly with children, are waiting for public housing programs, and approximately 20,000 low-income households spend over half their income on housing, placing them at risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$45,000 per person is spent on intervention services for homeless people in Alaska over a 20 month period; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 states have created successful housing trust funds that have substantially decreased homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Housing Trust could have the flexibility to provide necessary funding to support affordable housing and supportive services, and could quickly address the changing needs of those at risk.

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

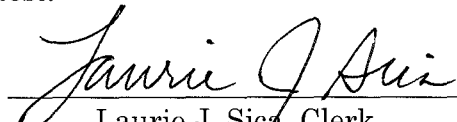
Section 1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby expresses its support for the creation of the Alaska Housing Trust Fund.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2007.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk