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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1976

A Resolution Supporting Full Local **Telecommunications** Competition.

WHEREAS, the City & Borough of Juneau is home to Alaska's State Capital, and

WHEREAS, modern telecommunications infrastructure is of critical importance in maintaining Juneau as Alaska's capital city, and

WHEREAS, modern telecommunications infrastructure is also of critical importance to economic development and a diversified economic base for the city & borough, and

WHEREAS, competition in the delivery of goods and services has always been in the best interest of the citizens of the city & borough because competition has consistently brought lower prices and a higher level of service, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the City & Borough of Juneau has consistently supported and advocated for competition in the provision of goods and services for the community, and

WHEREAS, wider choice by consumers accompanied by competition for the quality and price of telecommunications services is in the best interest of the city & borough consumers, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Public Utilities Commission has now completed proceedings regarding intrastate access charges and establishing a statewide universal service fund;

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

That the Assembly encourages the Alaska State Legislature and the Alaska Public Utilities Commission to adopt a pro-competitive policy especially for local telephone and cable television service.

Section 2. The Alaska Public Utilities Commission should include in that policy the requirements that competition for local telephone services assure continued funding for universal service priority, and that prospective competitors provide equal levels of service to all consumers in the city & borough.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 4th day of January, 1999.

Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:

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