Presented by: Mayor Smith Introduced: 06/09/2003
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2217

A Resolution Respectfully Requesting the Alaska Delegation to the Congress of the United States to Support Full Funding for the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program.

WHEREAS, the Federal Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes Act of 1976 was enacted to compensate local governments for municipal services provided to the Federal government and users of Federal lands located within municipal boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes program provides municipal revenues on a cents-per-acre of Federal land basis and provides funding of approximately 11 percent of what would be paid in taxes if the Federal lands and facilities within municipal boundaries were privately owned, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has received Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes funding in past years based on the Federal land within the CBJ, and

WHEREAS, the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes funding to the City and Borough of Juneau is projected to decline from \$1,067,500 in Fiscal Year 2003 (Projected Actual) to \$660,700 (Revised Budget) in Fiscal Year 2004, and

WHEREAS, Alaska's Delegation to the Congress of the United States has worked hard in the past to see that the Federal Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes program is adequately funded, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau would like to express its appreciation for those efforts in the past and to encourage further such efforts in the future, and

WHEREAS, many communities in Alaska, like the City and Borough of Juneau, utilize Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes funds for essential public services in this time of declining State revenues.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska:

Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Alaska Delegation to the Congress of the United States regarding funding for the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes program, and respectfully requests that the Delegation seek full funding for this important municipal program.

Section 2. That copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Honorable Senator Ted Stevens, the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, and the Honorable Don Young, Alaska's Congressional Delegation.

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

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2003.

Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie J. Sica, Clerk

Vote: Unanimous

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