

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 07/14/2003
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2220

A Resolution in Support of AmeriCorps and To Respectfully Request That the President of the United States Reaffirm His Commitment to National Service by Sponsoring Immediate Emergency Funding Aid.

WHEREAS, 500 SAGA AmeriCorps members have already served Juneau and other Alaska Communities, and hundreds more stand ready to serve, and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members meet critical needs every day in education, health care, public safety, environmental protection and disaster relief, and

WHEREAS, examples of AmeriCorps' work in Southeast Alaska include SAGA's Serve Alaska Youth Corps, Rural Outreach Prevention and Education (ROPE) program, Young Alaskans Building Affordable Housing, and Eagle Valley Training Center, and

WHEREAS, further examples of AmeriCorps' work include AmeriCorps members providing services and support to over 40 Juneau non-profits each year; maintaining Juneau trails, cabins, campgrounds, and picnic sites; providing tutoring, mentoring, and after-school activities for 2000 Juneau school children each year; helping with construction of two single-family affordable homes in Juneau and eleven units of homeless shelter at St. Vincent De Paul; helping construct the City campground; and organizing community events such as National Youth Service Day, and Earth Day, stream restoration on Duck Creek and Vanderbilt Creek, and

WHEREAS, twenty AmeriCorps programs have been carefully built in Alaska over a decade with public and private sector support, and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members have accomplished two million dollars worth of public land and facility improvements each year, provided education and training to 8,000 Southeast youth annually, built needed affordable housing, and responded to other critical community needs, and

///

//

WHEREAS, the latest federal government budget cuts eliminated funding for Alaska AmeriCorps programs that will result in dismantling the infrastructure and partnerships that have been carefully established to provide AmeriCorps services, eliminating positions for hundreds of Alaska AmeriCorps members, negatively impacting many Southeast Alaska children, schools, seniors and communities which rely on AmeriCorps members for vital services.

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

Section 1. The Assembly respectfully requests that the President and Congress approve \$200 million in emergency funding to maintain AmeriCorps membership at current levels, and thereby prevent hundreds of AmeriCorps programs from shutting down nationwide.

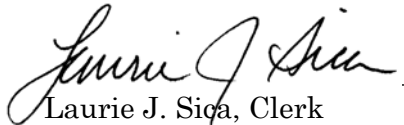
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2003.



Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk

Vote: Unanimous