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## **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

## Serial No. 2453

## A Resolution Affirming the City and Borough Support Of, and Partnership With, the 2010 Census.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the United States Constitution to conduct a count of the population every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the census provides an historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is committed to ensuring that every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities based on population, and decisions on matters of national and local importance are based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data is used to determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, borough assemblies and city councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census. Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska:

Section 1. The City and Borough supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation.

**Section 2.** The City and Borough appeals to local organizations and groups to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count of the population of the City and Borough of Juneau.

Section 3. The City and Borough encourages residents to participate in census promotional events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all segments of the population.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:

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