

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

Serial No. 2466

A Resolution Supporting the Alaska Commission on Aging 2009 Priorities and Urging the Alaska Legislature to Implement These Priorities.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2009, the Juneau Commission on Aging reviewed the Alaska Commission on Aging 2009 Legislative Priorities, which include, in priority order:

- (1) An additional \$2 million for the Senior Home and Community Based Services Grants Program that would provide continued funding for important senior services funded by the Older Americans Act and the general fund;
- (2) Regular review of state reimbursement rates for senior services, which could result in reimbursements that keep pace with cost increases;
- (3) Reauthorization of the Medicaid Adult Dental Program (scheduled to sunset June 30, 2009), which provides preventive dental care to income-eligible adult Alaskan's, of which 40% are over age 60;
- (4) Support for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's request for funding to provide housing for homeless persons, 17% of which are 55 or older; and
- (5) Creation of a statewide transportation fund to support services to older and all Alaskans; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Commission on Aging endorses those priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Commission on Aging has requested that the Juneau legislative delegation and Assembly adopt a resolution of support for the priorities, to be submitted to the Alaska Legislature; and

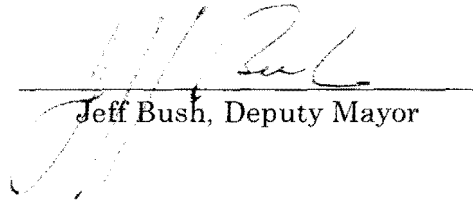
WHEREAS, Alaska now has the fastest growing senior population of all 50 states, and the Alaska Commission on Aging is working to plan for the future of our seniors.

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

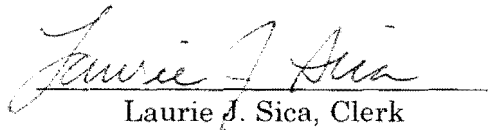
Section 1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports the Alaska Commission on Aging 2009 Legislative Priorities and urges the Alaska Legislature to consider these priorities for implementation as it weighs the competing demands on the State of Alaska's resources.

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

Adopted this 25th day of March, 2009.


Jeff Bush, Deputy Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk