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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1901

A Resolution Urging the Congress to Avoid Requiring Burdensome Immigration Formalities for Routine Passage Between Canada and the United States.

WHEREAS, The Congress has adopted the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996, and

WHEREAS, if implemented in its present form, Section 110 of the Act would require the Attorney General of the United States to develop and implement by September of 1998 a system to collect a record of departure for every alien departing the United States and match the records of departure with the record of the alien's arrival in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada, and permanent residents of the United States have long enjoyed free and easy passage over the border between their countries, and

WHEREAS, the relationship between Alaskans and Yukoners is particularly informal and congenial, most notably between the sister cities of Juneau and Whitehorse, and

WHEREAS, passport, visas, and other border crossing formalities necessary to implement the record-keeping requirement of section 110 for neighbors passing between these communities would constitute a pointless and expensive impediment to the flow of commerce and culture;

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

Section 1. The Assembly respectfully urges the Congress to adopt legislation that would amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act of 1996 so as to avoid burdensome immigration formalities for border crossings by

Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada, and permanent residents of the United States.

Section 2. The municipal clerk shall distribute copies of this resolution to the congressional delegation.


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

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 1997.



Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:



Marian J. Miller, Clerk