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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO RE-ENACT THE FEDERAL GENERAL
REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM IN 1983 AND PROVIDE FOR
ADEQUATE FUNDING OF THAT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Federal General Revenue Sharing program will expire on September 30, 1983 unless it is re-authorized by the Congress; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal General Revenue Sharing program is a significant source of revenue of the City and Borough, and

WHEREAS, replacing Federal General Revenue Sharing with property taxes will result in a significant increase in the City and Borough property tax rate to maintain the same services; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan has earmarked the General Revenue Sharing program for elimination in his "new federalism" program of turning federally-funded programs over to cities and states; and,

WHEREAS, most communities, including Juneau, may be forced to reduce basic services to their residents rather than raise taxes in the face of a currently distressed economy if this program is eliminated; and,

WHEREAS, such reductions will have a disproportionately negative impact on smaller municipalities;

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

1. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau urges the President and the Congress to re-authorize the Federal General Revenue Sharing program in 1983.

2. That the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau further urges the President and the Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to restore the purchasing power of the program to a level which is at least equal to that which existed at the 1976 re-authorization of the program.

3. That the President and the Congress are urged to consider the proposition that the success of the "new federalism" program could hinge on the ability of states and local governments to absorb programs that have been a federal responsibility; and, since the ability of state and local governments to raise revenues is severely handicapped in light of the currently distressed economy, communities will be dependent upon the continuation of the General Revenue Sharing program to assist the Federal government in making the "new federalism" transition.

4. That copies of this resolution be sent to:

- a. President Ronald Reagan,
- b. Vice-President George Bush,
- c. James A. Baker, III, Chief of Staff,
- d. Edwin Meese, III, Counsellor to the President,
- e. Donald Regan, Secretary of the Treasury,
- f. Rich Williamson, Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs,
- g. Senator Ted Stevens,
- h. Senator Frank Murkowski,
- i. Representative Don Young,
- j. The Alaska Municipal League,
- k. All Southeast Conference municipalities.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 1983.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk