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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1172

A RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO UPHOLD
THE ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST CONSERVATION ACT.

WHEREAS, the timber industry in Alaska is a vital industry and a major contributor to the economy of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act (The "Act") in 1980 recognized the importance of the timber industry to the State of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, The Act established a timber supply fund and authorized a timber supply harvest level in order to promote economic stability within the timber industry, and

WHEREAS, The Act was a compromise reached in 1980 between those advocating wilderness additions and those supporting a viable timber industry and a renewable resource, and

WHEREAS, The Act has already mandated and set aside over 50 percent of Southeast Alaskan lands as wilderness and roadless areas, and

WHEREAS, the total acreage of the Tongass National Forest is 16,706,895 acres excluding land in other ownership and, of that total, only 1,749,700 acres are scheduled for harvest over the rotation of 100 years which constitutes only 1/10th of 1 percent per year or 10 percent over the life of the rotation, and

WHEREAS, any attempt to amend the Act to create additional wilderness areas, decrease the mandated timber harvest level, or eliminate the authorized timber supply fund would cause severe damage to the economy of Southeast Alaska, and

WHEREAS, Congress is about to begin hearings to consider the Act and special interest groups are requesting significant changes in it which may cause severe economic damage to the existing timber industry and, consequently, many communities in Southeast Alaska;

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

1. The Alaska National Interest Land Conservation Act should not be amended since this action would destroy the delicate compromise and subsequent legislative balance of interests enacted in 1980.

2. The timber harvest level of 4.5 billion board feet per decade as mandated by the Act must be maintained.

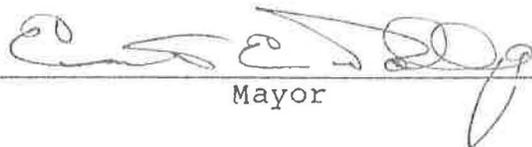
3. The timber supply fund enacted as part of the Act must be maintained and adequately funded.

4. The land base made available under the Act for renewable timber harvest must not be reduced and no further additions to wilderness areas should be enacted.

5. Before Congress begins any further consideration of the Act, it is requested that hearings be held within the State of Alaska.

6. Copies of this resolution shall be provided to the state and federal legislative delegations.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 1986.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk