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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1268

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE ALASKA DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has experienced a profound long-term economic change resulting from the decline in oil revenues, and

WHEREAS, Alaska communities are facing a myriad of complex local, regional, state, and international economic issues which are at best difficult to address, and

WHEREAS, there has been a natural evolution of regional economic development entities from individual communities to pool resources, providing communities with a cooperative and organized means to meet these economic challenges, and

WHEREAS, because of the economic downturn, the demand from regional organizations and communities for state economic development technical and financial assistance has increased dramatically while revenues for state, federal, and local economic development assistance have been reduced, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Business Development, Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development has proposed a new program, the Alaska Regional Development Organizations Program (ARDOR) to promote and provide financial assistance to regional development organizations, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the ARDOR program is to facilitate economic development at the regional and local level through establishment of a network of regional economic development organizations and the provision of financial and technical assistance, based on the evolution of economic regions and organizations from the local level, and

WHEREAS, representative economic development organizations of these regions will work with the communities and the state to develop and implement an action-oriented regional economic development strategy accommodating local economic development action plans, provide economic development and business technical assistance to region member communities and businesses, collect and distribute economic information on the region, participate in state marketing

campaigns, and serve as a liaison for coordination with local governments and the state regarding regional economic activities and issues, and

WHEREAS, the ARDORs and regional development strategies will provide the foundation for the development of a credible, strong, and pragmatic state development strategy;

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, Alaska, strongly urges the governor and the legislature to support the Division of Business Development and fund the ARDOR program.
- 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of November, 1987.

Attest:

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