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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRINCESS PATRICIA
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER FOR COAST GUARD
REGULATION OF MARINE SANITATION DEVICE.

WHEREAS, in the ongoing effort to reduce pollution in the maritime waters of the United States the U.S. Coast Guard has promulgated certain regulations regarding discharge of pollutants from maritime vessels, and

WHEREAS, as Alaska is a sovereign State of the United States and said regulations apply to maritime shipping in the maritime waters of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau, the Capital City of Alaska, depends upon tourism for a substantial portion of its economic livelihood, and

WHEREAS, a major portion of the tourism industry in Juneau is dependent upon tour ships using the maritime waters of the State, and

WHEREAS, Canadian Pacific Rail owns and operates the Princess Patricia, one of the tour ships which has for years brought tourists to Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the regulations promulgated by the U.S. Coast Guard will cause the Princess Patricia to cease sailing in Alaskan waters in 1980 unless a waiver is granted by the Coast Guard, and

WHEREAS, the pollution contribution of the Princess Patricia to Alaskan waters is minimal, and

WHEREAS, the economic and political benefits of continued operation of the Princess Patricia to the United States, Alaska and the City and Borough of Juneau in balance of trade, jobs and international good will far outweighs the minimal pollution contribution of the vessel to United States maritime waters, and

WHEREAS, the economic life of the Princess Patricia is estimated at less than five years further minimizing pollutant contribution and making extensive modifications to meet U.S. Coast Guard regulations economically unfeasible, and