

Presented by: The Manager  
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## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2795

### **A Resolution In Support of Legislation Authorizing the Creation and Enforcement of Municipal Liens.**

WHEREAS, in 1998, in an effort to discredit unauthorized common law liens recorded against public servants when those individuals disagreed with government action, the legislature passed legislation unintentionally rendering municipal liens unenforceable while preserving the enforceability of state law liens; and

WHEREAS, the ability to provide for the creation, recording, and enforcement of liens has historically been an effective tool used by municipalities to recover unpaid costs incurred by the municipality in providing services such as public nuisance abatement and public utilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Alaska Supreme Court, in *Cutler v. Kodiak Island Borough*, 290 P.3d 415 (Alaska 2012), held that as liens solely based on municipal law were not recognized as an exception to the definition of nonconsensual liens embodied in AS 09.45.169(2), liens provided for solely by municipal code were unenforceable; and

WHEREAS, SB 100 would return to municipalities the ability to use liens to secure payment for services rendered and costs incurred in addressing public nuisances and in providing utility services by giving liens arising solely under municipal law the same authority state and federal law liens hold under AS 09.45.169(2).

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

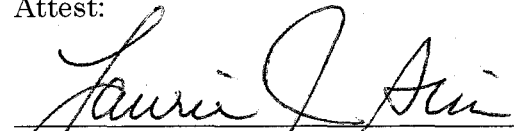
**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau fully supports the passage of SB 100, or other legislation that accomplishes the same purpose.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:

  
Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk