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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1952

A Resolution Urging the Alaska Legislature to Provide Closed Captioning for Gavel-to-Gavel Coverage of Legislative Proceedings.

WHEREAS, the city and borough, the Alaska Legislature, and Alaska One public television are cooperating in the funding, production, and presentation of gavel-to-gavel television coverage of legislative proceedings, and

WHEREAS, gavel-to-gavel coverage is a popular and effective method of informing Alaskans about legislative debate and decision on the important issues of the day, and

WHEREAS, more than 7,000 Alaskans are deaf or hearing impaired, and are deprived of much or all of the benefit of gavel-to-gavel coverage, and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Federal Communications Commission regulations encourage public agencies to provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of a public service, program, or activity, and

WHEREAS, closed-captioning of legislative coverage would be a highly effective method of including deaf and hearing-impaired Alaskans in the gavel-to-gavel experience;

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

Section 1. The Assembly respectfully requests that the Legislature join the city and borough in funding gavel-to-gavel television coverage by providing support for closed captioning of broadcasts.

Section 2. The Municipal Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 1998.



Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:



Marian J. Miller, Clerk