

Presented by: Human Resources Committee
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1986

A Resolution Repealing Resolution 1362 as Amended by Resolutions 1589 and 1629, and Reestablishing the International Relations Advisory Committee of the City and Borough of Juneau.

WHEREAS, the Assembly by Resolution 1362, as amended by Resolutions 1589 and 1629, established the International Relations Advisory Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly Human Resources Committee has recommended to the Assembly that it reexamine the purpose and composition of the committee, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to review and consolidate the legislation establishing the committee;

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

Section 1. Repeal of Resolutions. Resolutions 1362, 1589, and 1629 are repealed.

Section 2. International Relations Advisory Committee.

a. Committee Reestablished. There is reestablished the International Relations Advisory Committee for the City and Borough of Juneau. The committee shall consist of 9 members appointed by the Assembly to serve for 3-year staggered terms. Those members in service at the time of the adoption of this resolution shall continue in service according to their respective terms. The composition of the membership shall be as follows:

1. One member from the Juneau World Affairs Council,
2. One member from the Juneau School District,
3. One member from the University of Alaska Southeast, and

4. Six members from the general public.

b. Purposes of Committee. The purposes of the committee shall be:

1. To assist the Assembly in enhancing the international relations of the city and borough and to assist city officials, other committees, and other organizations in fostering and promoting appropriate political, cultural, educational, economic development, and other pertinent connections and communications.

2. To coordinate and provide assistance to each of the sister city subcommittees.

c. Sister Cities Program. The International Relations Advisory Committee shall foster the sister city program generally, shall nurture official sister city relationships, shall inquire and respond to inquiries regarding additional sister city relationships, and may upon approval by the Assembly, promote such additional sister city relationships. The committee shall review proposed CBJ grants promoting international relations and shall provide recommendations prior to submittal to the Assembly. The committee may comment on the extent to which such grants further the purposes of this resolution, placing an emphasis on funding objectives that will achieve mutual economic benefits along with other purposes stated above. The committee shall periodically evaluate whether existing sister city relationships are achieving their purpose, and shall advise the Assembly accordingly. The committee each year in its annual report shall report on the foregoing and shall recommend an established or proposed sister city to receive an official visit from the city and borough.

d. Hosting Foreign Guests. The committee shall advise the Assembly with regard to visits to the city and borough by foreign guests and assist in the hosting of events for such guests as directed by the Assembly.

e. Promotion of International Relations. The committee shall foster and promote international municipal cooperation and relations, including exchange and economic programs, between the people of Juneau and those of foreign nations, including their youth; shall assist in developing standard foreign relations protocols; and shall serve as the representative of the city and borough to the organizations, groups, government agencies, and individuals undertaking such activities. The committee will advise and make recommendations to the Assembly regarding city and borough participation in such international relations and programs.

f. The committee shall request direction from the Human Resources Committee as necessary to clarify priorities, propose budgets, establish or review performance objectives, or otherwise improve committee operations. The committee shall submit an annual report by February 15th evaluating committee performance during the preceding year, setting forth

recommendations and planned objectives for the coming year, and advising the Assembly on such other matters as the committee may deem appropriate.

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

Adopted this 19th day of April, 1999.



John MacKinnon, Deputy Mayor

Attest:



Marian J. Miller, Clerk