

Presented by: Assemblymember
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Introduced: 03/10/2003
Drafted by: J.R. Corso

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2197

A Resolution Urging the Department of Homeland Security to Assign Personnel to a Juneau Office of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

WHEREAS, the Juneau community is enriched by its temporary and permanent residents who arrive here in steadily increasing numbers from the Philippines, Mexico and other countries, and

WHEREAS, these residents often require citizenship and immigration services from the federal government, and

WHEREAS, these services were previously provided in Juneau by an agent of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the reorganization accomplished by the Homeland Security Act, these services are now provided by the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS), which has no Juneau agent, and

WHEREAS, this inadequate level of support forces Juneau residents to travel to Anchorage at substantial personal expense and inconvenience in order to complete routine business with the federal government, and

WHEREAS, permanent BCIS staff is clearly needed in Juneau to provide a reasonable level of service, and regular temporary staffing is needed to provide minimal service.

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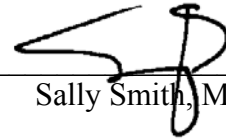
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Assembly respectfully urges the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to provide permanent staffing for the Juneau BCIS field office as soon as possible and to provide interim part time staff on a regular schedule of at least four days per month.

Section 2. The Clerk will distribute copies of this resolution to the congressional delegation, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

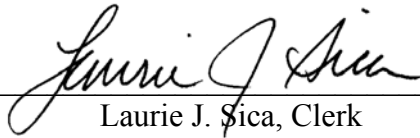
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2003.



Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk

Vote: Unanimous