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## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2528

### **A Resolution Establishing the Juneau Commission on Sustainability, For the Purpose of Removing the Sunset Date.**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is committed to a sustainable future that meets today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and accepts responsibility to:

- Support a stable, diverse, and equitable economy;
- Protect the quality of the air, water, land and other natural resources;
- Conserve native vegetation, fish, wildlife habitat, and ecosystems;
- Minimize human impacts on local and worldwide ecosystems; and
- Minimize energy usage and the release of greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, the CBJ Comprehensive Plan, Policy 2.1, declares that "it is the policy of the CBJ to build a sustainable community that endures over generations and is sufficiently far-seeing and flexible to maintain the vital and robust nature of its economic, social, and environmental support systems."; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the nation, both large and small, have promoted sustainability through focus on such issues as reducing dependence on fossil fuels; promoting fuel-efficient technologies; investing in the local economy for the long-term; adopting and enforcing land-use policies that reduce sprawl, promote infill, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities; promoting transportation options such as bicycle trails, incentives for car pooling and public transit; making energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting municipal facilities with energy efficient technologies; and urging employees to conserve energy and save money; practicing and promoting sustainable building practices; increasing the fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles and reducing the number of vehicles; increasing recycling rates in municipal operations and in the community; and educating the public, business, and government about sustainability; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2397(b), the CBJ joined the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and committed itself to complete the five

milestones of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign to reduce greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it is in the public interest to create a panel to research and advise the CBJ on community sustainability, including but not limited to the items listed above; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution 2528 supersedes the amended Resolution 2401am adopted July 9, 2007.

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

**Section 1. Establishment.** There is established a Juneau Commission on Sustainability.

**Section 2. Composition.** The Commission shall comprise nine members appointed by the Assembly, plus one member of the Assembly and one Planning Commissioner. Commission membership shall reflect environmental, social, economic and governmental perspectives, unified by the common interest of sustainability. Commission members serving three year staggered terms at the time of adoption of this resolution shall serve out their terms.

**Section 3. Duration.** The Commission shall have an indefinite duration.

**Section 4. Public policy and purpose.** A sustainable community seeks to advance the economic social, environmental and governmental well-being of the community without compromising the quality of life of future generations. The mission of the CBJ Commission on Sustainability is to promote the economic, social, environmental, and governmental well-being of Juneau and all its inhabitants, now and in the future.

**Section 5. Powers and Duties.**

1. To coordinate, propose, and promote sustainability initiatives among residents, businesses, government, and non-governmental agencies and educational organizations through education and outreach programs.
2. To make recommendations to the Juneau Assembly and CBJ Boards and Commissions on policies and programs that promote sustainability.
3. To research and apply for grants or other funds or gifts from public or private agencies for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions or purposes of this resolution.

4. To serve as an advisory group to the CBJ in reducing green house gas emissions to target levels as adopted by the CBJ Assembly.
5. To act as liaison between the public and the CBJ Assembly on sustainability related issues.

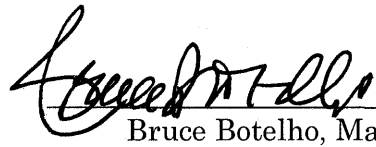
**Section 6. Staff Liaison.** The City Manager shall designate a staff liaison to the Commission.

**Section 7. Procedure.** The Commission shall operate pursuant to the CBJ Advisory Board Rules of Procedure as they may be amended from time to time.

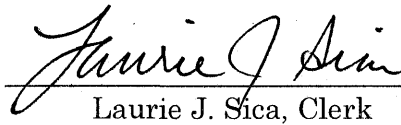
**Section 8. Repeal.** Resolution 2401am is repealed.

**Section 9. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

  
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Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Laurie J. Sica, Clerk