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

## Serial No. 2580

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for Establishing Water Infrastructure Set-Aside Funding in the Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, Civil Works Program.

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is the central agency for the development of water-related infrastructure throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division includes Alaska, Hawaii, and the Pacific Island Territories, all of which have economies highly dependent upon port infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Congress suspended use of congressionally-directed spending and now only funds projects identified through a scoring system which favors urban ports; and

WHEREAS, the rural coastal communities of the Pacific Ocean Division do not have the population to compete with urban ports, yet are highly dependent on waterborne commerce; and

WHEREAS, there could be a mechanism within the federal Energy and Water Appropriations Bill to recognize the unique circumstances of coastal rural communities of the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division; and

WHEREAS, projects in need of funding include those projects involving breakwaters, wave barriers, dredging, mooring basins, and flood/erosion control.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska:

**Section 1.** The City and Borough of Juneau Assembly encourages Congress to amend the FY2012 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill and the FY2013 President's Budget Request to include an annual \$50,000,000 set-aside that the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division can prioritize and spend on projects necessary to sustain water infrastructure in small coastal communities of the region.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011.

Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest: