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

**Serial No. 2734(am)**

**A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the Juneau Ocean Center Facility to be Developed by the Juneau Ocean Center, LLC.**

WHEREAS, in 2004, the City and Borough of Juneau adopted a Long Range Waterfront Plan with a goal to establish an attractive and continuous waterfront seawalk from the Douglas Bridge to the Little Rock Dump; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Ocean Center, LLC, is proposing to create an associated waterfront marine science interpretive center that supports and strengthens the waterfront seawalk experience; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has adopted an Economic Development Plan with a goal to recognize and expand Juneau's position as a marine research center; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Ocean Center facility would provide a world-class interpretive center with a focus on Southeast Alaskan maritime ecology and species, establishing links between local, state, and federal research programs such as National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) Fisheries Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has adopted an Economic Development Plan with a goal to increase independent visitor travel to Juneau and expand on Juneau's strengths as a regional arts and culture hub; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Ocean Center, in combination with the nearby State Library, Archives, and Museums (SLAM) expansion, proposed Willoughby Arts Complex, and new Sealaska Heritage Institute's Walter Soboleff Building, would help secure Juneau's reputation as a year-round visitor destination for its culture, ecology, science, arts, and beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Ocean Center proposes to be a showcase for best environmental stewardship, including LEED-Platinum certification, a green roof and other features to provide an integrated community park, heating using sea water heat recovery, and an electric water taxi to facilitate movement of visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Ocean Center facility would provide a year-round venue for the community, encouraging visitors, residents, and school children to utilize the building, seawalk, community park, and integrated ecological features.

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

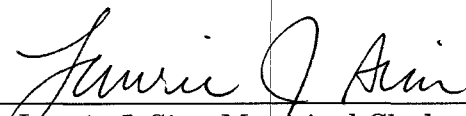
**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau hereby expresses its support for the Juneau Ocean Center.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of December, 2015.

  
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Mary E. Becker, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk