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

**Serial No. 1881**

### **A Resolution Opposing Relocation of the Juneau Offices of the United States Forest Service and the United States Coast Guard.**

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, the people of the City and Borough of Juneau were shocked to learn that the Congress will vote within the next few days on legislation to relocate 358 of their friends and neighbors employed in Juneau by the United States Forest Service and the United States Coast Guard, and

WHEREAS, this news arrived without warning, explanation, or rationale for an action that could devastate Juneau, divide Southeast, and subject Alaska to yet another arbitrary and crushing exercise of federal power, and

WHEREAS, the proposals would result in the loss of 196 Forest Service regional office employees and 200 support jobs from Juneau to Ketchikan and 162 Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District Office employees from Juneau to Sitka, and

WHEREAS, relocation of the Forest Service employees would hit Juneau with more than \$10,000,000 in direct annual wages losses and \$5,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in indirect losses, and

WHEREAS, relocation of the Coast Guard employees would result in the loss of approximately \$3,000,000 in direct annual wage losses and \$1,500,000 to \$6,000,000 in indirect losses, and

WHEREAS, the Congress has not consulted or advised the people of Juneau or other Southeast Alaska communities regarding these proposals, and has demonstrated no regard for their views and no respect for their relationships, and

WHEREAS, these proposals will pit Southeast communities against each other in a demoralizing, divisive, and unproductive struggle for federal resources, leaving a legacy of bitterness, dependency, and mistrust;


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

**Section 1.** The Assembly respectfully urges Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Frank Murkowski, and Representative Don Young to reject any proposal to relocate the United States Forest Service Regional Office or the United States Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District Office from Juneau.

**Section 2.** The Assembly respectfully requests that any proposal to relocate substantial numbers of federal employees to or from any community in Alaska be considered only through a process that involves notice and an opportunity to be heard by the affected communities.

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

Adopted this 21st day of July 1997.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Clerk