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

Serial No. 1892

### **A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for Federal Legislation Implementing the "Teaming With Wildlife" Initiative.**

WHEREAS, tourism is a major component of Juneau's economy, and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to view wildlife and spectacular scenery are primary reasons visitors travel to Alaska, and

WHEREAS, demand for visitor services and facilities is growing dramatically, while funding sources remain limited, and

WHEREAS, draft federal legislation currently known as the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Enhancement Act, and more generally known as "Teaming With Wildlife", proposes a federal charge on the sale of items currently proposed to include hiking boots, backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, binoculars, spotting scopes, cameras, film, birdseed, natural history guide books and recreational vehicles, and

WHEREAS, revenue from the charge would be distributed to the states according to land area and population, subject to a requirement for a 33% state match, and

WHEREAS, under the currently proposed distribution formula, Alaska would receive 5% of the funds distributed, and

WHEREAS, these funds could be used to develop conservation curricula in the public schools, and to construct nature centers, trails, wildlife viewing platforms, highway waysides, and other facilities serving both residents and visitors, and

WHEREAS, numerous conservation organizations, local businesses and businesses throughout the state have expressed support for this proposal, and

WHEREAS, "Teaming With Wildlife" has been endorsed by the Juneau School District;


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

**Section 1.** The Assembly endorses the concept proposed in "Teaming With Wildlife" legislation and urges the full support of Alaska's congressional delegation.


**Section 2.** The clerk is instructed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Congressional Delegation and to the appropriate officials in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1997.

  
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Dennis Egan, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Marian J. Miller, Clerk