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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1422

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO IMPROVE
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS RELATING TO CROSSWALK RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Administrative Code provides at 13 AAC 02.155(a) that the drivers of an automobile must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks only when the pedestrian "is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger," and

WHEREAS, the Assembly respectfully submits that the standard of care imposed on drivers by 13 AAC 02.155(a) is inadequate because it allows dangerous traffic situations to develop and fosters the attitude that drivers need only react to such situations, and

WHEREAS, traffic regulations should promote safety through standards of care designed to encourage vigilant and affirmative efforts to prevent danger, and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the uniform traffic standards imposed by AS 28.01.010, the City and Borough of Juneau may not independently address the need for reform of crosswalk safety standards;

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

1. That the Alaska Legislature is urged to take such action as may be necessary to improve traffic safety by requiring that drivers yield to pedestrians as soon as the pedestrians enter any part of the crosswalk on an undivided roadway or that part of the crosswalk located on the driver's side of a divided roadway.

2. That the city clerk is directed to provide copies of this resolution to Juneau's Legislative Delegation, the Alaska Department of Public Safety, and other local governments in Alaska through the Alaska Municipal League.

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

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 1990.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk