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Committee
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1439

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FY 91 CAPITAL PROJECT
BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE JOHNSON YOUTH CENTER EXPANSION.

WHEREAS, the Johnson Youth Center, built in 1981, was designed to accommodate eight residents, and

WHEREAS, the Johnson Youth Center now houses pre-adjudicated and post-adjudicated youth awaiting court action or placement at treatment facilities elsewhere in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the daily population at the Johnson Center Youth ranges from twelve to sixteen, but commonly twenty or more youths are housed for lengthy periods of time, and

WHEREAS, the existing multipurpose room, day room, and kitchen areas are inadequate and do not meet the educational, recreational, and daily needs of the population the facility is required to serve, and

WHEREAS, such limited quarters lead to increased tension and anxiety among the residents and heightens the risk of confrontation in the facility, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cowper and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services fully recognize these problems and have submitted a \$900,000 Capital Project Budget request for FY 91 to construct a core service/school building, which funds will augment partial funding of \$1,200,000 previously appropriated, and

WHEREAS, the core building will contain two classrooms, a medical office, multi-purpose dining/assembly/recreation space, and kitchen and support space, as well as support the proposed twenty-bed treatment program, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau fully supports the expansion of the Johnson Youth Center for the benefit of the youth and families of Juneau and Southeast Alaska;

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

1. That the Assembly urges the Alaska Legislature to approve the Governor's FY 91 Capital Project Budget request for \$900,000 for the Johnson Youth Center expansion, and further urges the State of Alaska to consider future funding for expansion of the long-term care facility at the center.

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

Adopted this 16th day of April, 1990.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk