

Presented by: Assemblymember Walker
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION HONORING THE BLACK VETERANS
WHO HELPED TO BUILD THE ALCAN HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, Alaskans and Canadians are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the construction of the Alcan Highway (Alaska Highway), and

WHEREAS, February of each year is dedicated as Black History Month, and

WHEREAS, the 93rd, 94th, 95th, and 388th Units of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were primarily responsible for the construction of the Alcan Highway, and

WHEREAS, 3,695 of the 10,607 men (one third of the troops) were Black soldiers, and

WHEREAS, these men worked with their counterparts under segregated rules, extreme geographical conditions, and many other adverse conditions, and

WHEREAS, these heroic men accomplished a nearly impossible feat in the rugged, unmapped wilderness, and

WHEREAS, this construction miracle is currently Alaska's only land link to the Lower 48 states;

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

1. That on this 50th Anniversary of the Alcan Highway, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau -- Alaska's Capital City -- wish to honor and commend the surviving Black veterans who participated in the construction of the Alcan Highway, Alaska's only land link to the Lower 48 states.

2. This resolution will be sent to each of the surviving Black veterans who have been located as an expression of our gratitude for their participation in this historical event.

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

Adopted this 24th day of February, 1992.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James P. ...", is written above a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Mayor" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Kelly", is written above a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Clerk" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

Clerk