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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 990

A RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A WATER QUALITY WAIVER FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO THE SOUTHEAST ALASKAN LUMBER AND PULP INDUSTRY.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has tentatively denied the requests from the two Alaska pulp mills for variances to enable them to operate economically, and

WHEREAS, by EPA's own admission it would cost each of the mills millions of dollars to comply with the standards without the variances, and

WHEREAS, such a vast amount of money is not available to the Alaska mills or any other company in the economically depressed timber industry, as is known to EPA, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), which supports the variances for the Alaska mills, has shown that current discharges do not violate state water quality standards, and

WHEREAS, burning is the only other method of disposal and will cause air pollution problems, and

WHEREAS, Alaska Lumber and Pulp Co., Inc. (ALP) and Louisiana Pacific Corporation, Ketchikan Division (LPK), the only two pulp mills in Alaska, employ approximately 3,000 people directly and 6,000 people indirectly throughout Southeast Alaska, and

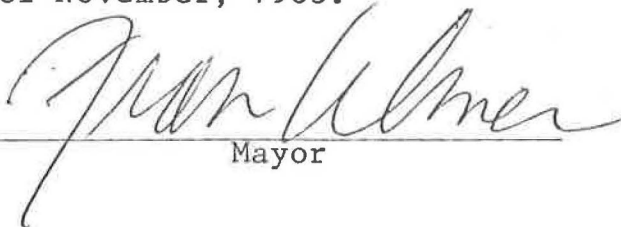
WHEREAS, without the pulp mills, Southeast Alaska's sawmills and native corporations (including Sealaska Corporation and the village corporations) would have no market for their pulp logs, thus severely impacting the economics of the sawmills and native corporations' operations and threatening their survival, and

WHEREAS, the other ripple effects of the loss of the timber industry to Southeast Alaska would have catastrophic results in every community due to the economic, cultural and social interdependence of Southeast Alaskan communities;


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

That the federal government is strongly urged to review the catastrophic effects which will result from the failure to continue the variance and is requested to grant the lumber and pulp industry in Southeast Alaska a variance to enable it to continue current emissions standards determined environmentally safe by the state of Alaska.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 1983.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Clerk