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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE IN JUNEAU.

WHEREAS, the United Nations has designated 1986 as the International Year of Peace, and

WHEREAS, peace is a universal hope, dream, and goal toward which all people of good will can work, and

WHEREAS, the concept of peace must be born anew in each heart to effect change in defensive and belligerent attitudes and policies toward which nationalist governments are inclined, and

WHEREAS, the growing wellspring of grassroots support for peace by people everywhere is demonstrated daily by small and great acts of individual commitment to ending the barriers to peace--hunger, poverty, racial discrimination, religious hatred, and ignorance, and

WHEREAS, the people of Juneau have acted in personal ways and as a community, to further the cause of peace: through giving money to aid the starving of Ethopia, the earthquake victims of Mexico, and many other humanitarian efforts; in advancing racial harmony and honoring the man--Martin Luther King, Jr .-- a champion of nonviolence, who raised the consciousness of nation and the world to the injustice of racial discrimination; terrible developing the New Year's Eve Space Bridge to Moscow to build communication and understanding between our peoples; through efforts of Juneau's diverse religious communities and such groups as World Beyond War, Alaskans for World Peace, and other peace advocates; and cultural sharing through the upcoming goodwill tour to the Soviet Union of the Alaska Performing Artists for Peace, and

WHEREAS, the alternative to peace has become unthinkable with the development of nuclear weapons that can

virtually annihilate humankind;

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

- l. That it recognizes and supports the International Year of Peace and calls on the people of the community to build a new commitment to global peace.
- 2. That throughout the year that the theme of peace be made a part of our public celebrations, such as the 4th of July parade, that Juneau schools be encouraged to study the issue of peace and how students might be involved, that organizations, businesses, and professional groups incorporate the theme of peace in their programs, and that churches and religious groups continue to uphold the doctrine that peace is possible, if not inevitable.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 1986.

Deputy Mayor

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