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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1221

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL OR AMEND THE STATUTORY EIGHT-HOUR LIMIT ON UNDERGROUND MINING SHIFTS.

WHEREAS, Alaska state law provides that underground mining is a dangerous occupation and that no one should be allowed to work underground more than eight hours in a twenty-four hour period, and

WHEREAS, this law has been on the books in Alaska since 1917 unchanged, and

WHEREAS, present safety and health laws and work standards have made this requirement obsolete, and

WHEREAS, the Greens Creek Mining Company is evaluating the possibility of commencing production from its underground mine on Admiralty Island within the next several months, but could be severely handicapped in maintaining an efficient economic underground operation if it were not able to operate two ten-hour shifts per day;

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

- 1. That the Legislature of the State of Alaska be and hereby is requested to amend or repeal Article 6 of Title 23 of the Alaska Statutes to restrict or remove the prohibition against a ten-hour underground shift.
- 2. That the lobbyists for the City and Borough of Juneau be directed to facilitate the introduction and passage of legislation which will accomplish the purposes of this resolution.

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

Adopted this 9th day of February, 1987.

Mayor

Attest .

Clerk