

Presented by: Mayor Overstreet  
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 569

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE YUKON STANDARD TIME ZONE IN ALASKA TO INCLUDE THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU AND OTHER NORTHERN PANHANDLE COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, Alaska's capital, the City and Borough of Juneau, and other northern panhandle communities are presently in the Pacific standard time zone, and

WHEREAS, other major population centers in Alaska are in the Alaska standard time zone which creates a two hour time difference between the capital of Alaska and other major population centers of the state, and

WHEREAS, still other communities of Alaska are in the Bering standard time zone which creates a three hour time difference between the capital of Alaska and such other communities, and

WHEREAS, these two and three hour time differences create confusion and difficulty in achieving and maintaining sound commercial and efficient governmental communications, and

WHEREAS, geographically, the Southeast Alaska panhandle in the Pacific standard time zone stems from territorial days when the commercial orientation of the panhandle was primarily with Seattle, and

WHEREAS, with the growth of the State of Alaska since statehood, the commercial, financial, transportation, government and other social and economic ties of the northern panhandle communities have shifted significantly from the Seattle area to the growing population centers of interior and southcentral Alaska, and,

WHEREAS, southern panhandle communities have evidenced a preference for continued commercial ties to the Seattle area, and

WHEREAS, the reduction of the two and three hour differences in time to one and two hour differences between the northern panhandle communities and the other more populous areas of the state would vastly improve the convenience of commerce and the efficiency of government in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, federal law (15 U.S.C. §260-267) grants to the United States Secretary of Transportation the authority to redefine the boundaries of time zones that serve the entire United States;

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

1. That the assembly hereby petitions the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to redefine the boundary between Yukon standard time and Pacific standard time in such a manner that northern panhandle communities will be placed in Yukon standard time. Such communities are those lying northerly of a line described as follows:

Beginning at boundary peak No. 79 on the Alaska/Canadian border line at North  $58^{\circ}57'44.96''$  latitude and West  $133^{\circ}10'13.94''$  longitude; thence southwesterly along the northerly boundary of the City and Borough of Juneau on a straight line to Point Coke near Holkham Bay in Stevens Passage at North  $57^{\circ}47'30''$  latitude and West  $134^{\circ}42'$  longitude; thence continuing on the projection of said straight line to the mid-channel of Stevens Passage; thence southerly along the mid-channel of Stevens Passage and extension thereof to the mid-channel of Frederick Sound; thence southwesterly along the mid-channel of Frederick Sound and extension thereof to the mid-channel of Chatham Strait also being on the easterly line of the City and Borough of Sitka; thence northerly along the easterly boundary of the City and Borough of Sitka along the mid-channel of Chatham Strait until the mid-point of a line drawn between East Point and South Passage Point at the mouth of Tenakee Inlet bears due west; thence northwesterly along the northerly boundary of the City and Borough of Sitka along the mid-channel of Tenakee Inlet until an intersection is made with the line of mean high tide at the extreme northwesterly end of Tenakee Inlet; thence on a line bearing South  $23^{\circ}30'$  West more or less, but in any event until the extreme southeasterly point of the mean high tide line at the southeasterly point of Lisianski Inlet is reached; thence on a line bearing approximately due west until Star

Rock off the mouth of Lisianski Strait is reached being the northwesterly corner of the City and Borough of Sitka; thence due west until an intersection is reached with 137° West longitude.

2. That the Secretary of Transportation is requested to re-define the boundaries of the Yukon standard time zone at the earliest possible date.

3. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

Adopted this 18th day of January, 1979.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
Clerk