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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3005

A Resolution Encouraging Federal Agencies in Juneau to Coordinate Collection of Biometric Information for Foreign National People and Refugee Families.

WHEREAS, the seafood industry is a vital economic generator for Southeast Alaska, including in Juneau, and employs many foreign national employees; and

WHEREAS, refugees from Ukraine have recently located in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires biometric data (fingerprints and a photograph) of new refugees and foreign national people but does not currently collect biometric information in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, refugees and foreign national people in Southeast must go to Seattle or Anchorage for biometric information collection and verification, which imposes hardships and inconveniences; and

WHEREAS, the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) office in Juneau has the ability to collect biometric information, which would decrease fiscal hardships and burdens on employers, foreign national people, and refugees; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly adopted Resolution 3004 (10/24/2022) and this resolution would expand the coordination request from foreign national employees to foreign national people; and

WHEREAS, notice of this resolution should be sent to the following positions:

1. Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator,
2. Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator,
3. Honorable Mary Sattler Peltola, U.S. Representative,
4. Honorable Ur M. Jaddou, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and
5. Honorable Chris Magnus, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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

Section 1. Encourage Federal Agency Coordination. The Assembly encourages the USCBP and USCIS to coordinate the collection of biometric information for refugees and foreign national people in Juneau, which will decrease unnecessary travel and costs for people, businesses, and nonprofit agencies.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 7th day of November, 2022.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk