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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1704

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF KETCHIKAN PULP COMPANY AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE TO MAINTAIN THE SUPPLY OF TIMBER NEEDED FOR KETCHIKAN MILLS UNDER THE EXISTING CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Ketchikan Pulp Company long-term sale is to help establish a year-round manufacturing industry in Southeast Alaska "on a commercially sound and permanent economic basis," and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Pulp Company operation supports approximately 700 direct jobs in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and an additional 300 direct jobs in the surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough receives 10.10% of its mill levy revenue directly from the Ketchikan Pulp Company, and

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Pulp Company operation stimulates additional economic activity throughout the year in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the timber supply for the mills, the long-term sale operation provides many benefits to the Ketchikan community including road systems for recreational access to the Tongass National Forest and access to fish enhancement projects, and

WHEREAS, there is great potential for future growth in value-added timber products, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Service confirms that there is an ample long-term supply of high quality accessible timber in the Tongass National Forest, and

WHEREAS, timber is a renewable resource that can be managed to provide a manufacturing base without harming other uses of the forest such as fisheries or wildlife;

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

1. The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau supports the efforts of the Ketchikan Pulp Company and the U.S. Forest Service to maintain the supply of timber needed for Ketchikan mills under the existing contract.

2. The City & Borough Clerk is directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Mayor and Assembly of Ketchikan Gateway Borough, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Ketchikan, the Governor of the State of Alaska, the legislative and congressional delegations, and appropriate federal and state agency officials.

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

Adopted this 21st day of March, 1994.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk