Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1403

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SELECTION OF WHITEHORSE, YUKON TERRITORY, CANADA, AS AN OFFICIAL SISTER CITY TO THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA, AND REQUESTING THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH THE STEPS NECESSARY TO FORMALIZE THE SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP.

WHEREAS, the International Relations Advisory Committee of the City and Borough of Juneau has determined that Whitehorse, located in Yukon Territory, Canada, is very interested in participating in a Sister City relationship with the City and Borough of Juneau, and

WHEREAS, Juneau and Whitehorse have had close cultural, economic, and communication ties for many years, and

WHEREAS, the local governing bodies for Juneau and Whitehorse have, over the years, held joint meetings and informational exchanges on matters of mutual interest and concern, and

WHEREAS, as the two capitals of the far northwest region of the North American Continent, Juneau and Whitehorse have many features and interests in common, including mining development, tourism industry, government employment base, and local branches of a university, and

WHEREAS, both Whitehorse and Juneau would like to initiate further activities that will bring the people of our cities closer together in friendship and cooperation, and

WHEREAS, the International Relations Advisory Committee has requested that the Assembly endorse the selection of Whitehorse as a Sister City to the City and Borough of Juneau and authorize the committee to proceed with the steps necessary to formalize this relationship through the Sister Cities International organization, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a formal Sister City relationship will serve to promote and foster mutually beneficial educational, business, cultural and sports exchanges, international municipal cooperation, and a bond of friendship and understanding between Whitehorse and the City and Borough of Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly wishes to formalize a Sister City relationship with Whitehorse;

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

1. That the Assembly hereby endorses the selection of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, as an official Sister City of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, and requests that the International Relations Advisory Committee proceed with all steps necessary to formalize the Sister City relationship through the Sister City International organization.

2. That upon official designation of Whitehorse as a Sister City to the city and borough, the Assembly will hold an appropriate ceremony to formally recognize the bond of friendship between Whitehorse and the City and Borough of Juneau, and the Assembly requests that the International Relations Advisory Committee organize and coordinate such ceremony.

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

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 1989.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk