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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO UTILIZE A VARIETY OF REVENUE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE STATE BUDGET GAP.

WHEREAS, the well being of citizens and their families should be the foremost objective of state government, and

WHEREAS, employment is essential to Alaskan families and local economies, and

WHEREAS, it is a known and an established fact that budget actions by the Alaska Legislature have serious repercussions on state and local employment, and

WHEREAS, employment for families in the City and Borough of Juneau is a top priority of the local government, and

WHEREAS, a key factor in decision making by businesses desiring to locate or expand in Alaska is a stable tax base which can sustain long term state needs, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has consistently demonstrated its commitment to employment and services for its citizens by maintaining sales tax and other revenue measures, and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau continues to demonstrate a commitment to education by maintaining tax measures which reach the cap of permissible local contribution, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature is now facing major decisions regarding short-term and long-term budget strategies, and

WHEREAS, the apparent budget gap is a responsibility of all Alaskans, and

WHEREAS, the apparent budget gap must be addressed on a long-term basis, and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the legislature will be making cuts in state spending, and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely that the level of cuts that can be made without plunging the state into a recession will be sufficient to balance the budget, and

WHEREAS, there are a wide variety of acceptable revenue measures that could be implemented to address the budget gap;

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

1. That the City and Borough of Juneau urges the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to develop a stable permanent tax base that will sustain the long-term revenue needs of the state. The tax base should include reasonable taxes and user fees which do not conflict with current municipal tax and revenue bases.

2. That the City and Borough of Juneau urges the Governor and Alaska Legislature to develop temporary revenue measures to ensure that important state services and assistance to municipalities will continue at an adequate level until permanent revenue measures are in place.

3. That the tax and revenue measures to be considered in paragraphs 1 and 2 above include but are not limited to: modification of the ELF, use of earnings of the permanent fund (while preserving the current level of dividends), and use of the earnings reserve account.

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

Adopted this 20th day of March, 1989.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk