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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2632

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the Extension of Electrical Power Along the Veterans Memorial Highway.

WHEREAS, the extension of electrical power along the Veterans Memorial Highway to Cascade Point would encourage economic development while providing increased public safety with street lights and emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, providing electrical power to Cascade Point would provide service to residents and property owners of the northern portion of the City and Borough, reducing their energy costs, improving property values, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly adopted the Juneau Climate Action and Implementation Plan, dated October 31, 2011, by the adoption of Resolution Serial No. 2593, which sets goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the City and Borough; and

WHEREAS, all residents and businesses north of Eagle Beach are now provided electrical power by diesel generation with its associated carbon emissions, which could be reduced by replacing diesel fuel use with locally-produced hydropower; and

WHEREAS, high fuel prices in recent years place a greater importance on the CBJ and the State of Alaska planning ahead to ensure that electricity is available along our highways to facilitate development and community growth; and

WHEREAS, providing electrical power in the northern portions of the CBJ would facilitate the development of residential housing that will assist in meeting affordable housing goals set forth in the CBJ Comprehensive Plan.

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

Section 1. That the Assembly expresses its support for the State of Alaska in funding the extension of electrical power along the Veterans Memorial Highway to Cascade Point to improve highway safety, provide expanded emergency services, reduce electrical costs and carbon emissions, and facilitate economic development.

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

Adopted this day of 2012.

Merrill Sanford, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie J. Sica, Clerk