

Proposed by: Assemblyman Korsmo
Vote: 5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 09-13R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA ADVOCATING FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AS A CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska relies on healthy, functional communities for the delivery of vital services and for maintaining social and economic stability at the local and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Constitution, Article 10, Section 14 establishes a State agency to advise and assist local governments; and

WHEREAS, the former Department of Community and Regional Affairs is the only executive branch agency mandated by the Alaska Constitution, symbolizing both the importance placed on local government matters, and the state interest in fostering strong local self-government; and

WHEREAS, for 27 years, the Department of Community and Economic Development provided direct services, training, and assistance to urban and rural communities throughout the state, and was a vital source of knowledge on community issues and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs was a vital source of knowledge on community issues and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs provided communities a "seat at the table" and a distinct voice in the Governor's cabinet; and

WHEREAS, the importance of maintaining healthy, functional communities is a crucial component in the formulation of state policies across a wide range of topics and activities; and

WHEREAS, the advice, assistance and training offered by the Division of Community and Regional Affairs is crucial to communities State-wide;

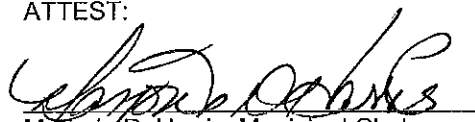
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway Borough Assembly urges the Governor's Administration and the Alaska Legislature to re-establish the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs in accordance with the Alaska Constitution to provide a cabinet-level standing for vital community, regional and rural issues and concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway Borough Assembly urges the Department of Community and Regional Affairs or its counterpart to re-establish local government assistance and training programs.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 2nd day of April, 2009.


Thomas D. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marjorie D. Harris, Municipal Clerk

(SEAL)



WHEREAS, the importance of maintaining healthy, functional communities is a crucial component in the formulation of State policies across a wide range of topics and activities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs provided communities a “seat at the table” and a distinct voice in the Governor’s cabinet; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference urges the Governor’s Administration and the Alaska Legislature to re-establish the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs in accordance with the Alaska Constitution to provide a cabinet-level standing for vital community, regional and rural issues and concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Southeast Conference urges the Department of Community and Regional Affairs or its counterpart to re-establish local government assistance and training programs.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MARCH XX, 2009.

Witnessed by:

Attested by:

Mike Korsmo, President

Shelly Wright, Executive Director



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**ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
RESOLUTION #2009-02**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR'S ADMINISTRATION AND THE ALASKA
LEGISLATURE TO RE-ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL
AFFAIRS AS A CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska relies on healthy, functional communities for the delivery of vital services and for maintaining social and economic stability at the local and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, Alaska communities face unprecedented challenges underscored by high energy prices and related costs; and

WHEREAS, for 27 years, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs provided direct services and assistance to urban and rural communities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs was a vital source of knowledge on community issues and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Regional Affairs provided communities a "seat at the table" and a distinct voice in the Governor's cabinet; and

WHEREAS, the importance of maintaining healthy, functional communities is a crucial component in the formulation of state policies across a wide range of topics and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Administration and the Alaska Legislature are urged to re-establish the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs to provide cabinet-level standing for vital community, regional and rural issues and concerns.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Municipal League on this 14th day of November, 2008.

Denise Michels, President, Alaska Municipal League

Attest: Kathie Wasserman
Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League