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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A Resolution Expressing the Assembly's Support for Google to Build and Test an Ultra-High Speed Broadband Network in Juneau.

WHEREAS, Google is planning to launch an experimental project that it hopes will make Internet access better and faster, through an ultra-high speed broadband network, over 1 gigabit per second, that will deliver internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today; and

WHEREAS, Google has issued a Request for Information (RFI) asking communities interested in being considered as a trial location to provide Google with information about their communities, with the responses due no later than March 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, responding to the Google RFI has been identified as a priority by many Juneau residents and provides an opportunity for engagement and participation by members of the high-tech, academic, and business communities and other community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the broadband network infrastructure through Google's experimental project would enable Juneau to become a competitor in the high-tech industry nationally and a leader within Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Google's ultra-high speed broadband network would accrue extraordinary benefits for Juneau's overall economy as well as for municipal and state government, business, education, health and human services, and overall quality of life in the Capital City; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Google will cover all costs associated with building and testing this network; and

WHEREAS, Google promises to offer a choice of service providers for access to this network at competitive prices.

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

Section 1. That the Assembly supports and endorses Juneau's application to Google, entitled JuneauBroadband, to select Juneau as a trial community in which Google will build and test an ultra-high speed broadband network, 1 gigabit per second throughput, with open access and a choice of service providers at competitive prices.

Section 2. That the Assembly authorizes the Juneau Economic Development Council to prepare and submit the application to Google on behalf of the City and Borough of Juneau in accordance with Google's Request for Information procedures and March 26, 2010 deadline.


Section 3. That the Assembly encourages community members to help in this effort by going online at www.juneaubroadband.com to nominate our community and express support to Google for Juneau's application.

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

Adopted this 15th day of March, 2010.


Randy Wanamaker, Deputy Mayor

Attest:


for Laurie J. Sica, Clerk