

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR JUNEAU BROADBAND Resolution 10-12

WHEREAS, Google is planning to launch an ultrafast broadband network in one or more pilot locations in the United States that will make access to the internet faster and better by delivering Internet speeds 100 times faster than what most Americans currently have access to , with open access and a choice of service providers at competitive prices; and

WHEREAS, Google has issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking proposals from communities across the country (due March 26, 2010) to be considered as a pilot location and the City and Borough of Juneau is applying to be selected by submitting a proposal entitled Juneau Broadband; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference is tasked with promoting strong economies, healthy communities, and a quality environment in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Juneau offers extraordinary opportunity for this project because of Alaska's reliance on telecommunications technology for government, education, telemedicine and other human services, business, research, and other applications due to its geographic isolation and the vast distances between communities within Alaska and between Juneau and the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS, Improvements in Juneau's broadband infrastructure would enable the community's high-tech, academic, business and other stakeholders to become economic leaders within Alaska and more competitive nationally and globally; and

WHEREAS, This level of improvement in Juneau's broadband infrastructure would greatly improve all forms of communications between Alaska residents and the State Legislature when in session in the Capital City, and the State administration at all times of year; and

WHEREAS, Strengthening Juneau's status as State Capital will strengthen the stability of the regional economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Juneau is not only the State Capital, but it is the regional center for Southeast Alaska, and many residents of communities throughout the Southeast Alaska region use business, transportation and other support services available in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, This new broadband service will strengthen Juneau's business and support sectors, and so provide better service to the region as a whole; and

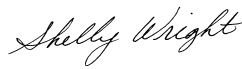
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference nominates Juneau Broadband for Google's ultrafast broadband network and encourages other regional members and stakeholders to do the same.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEMBERS ON March 24, 2010.

Witnessed By:


President, Maxine Thompson

Attested by:


Executive Director, Shelly Wright