

A Resolution Expressing Support for JuneauBroadband

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 JuneauBroadband; and

WHEREAS, Juneau offers extraordinary opportunity 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Alaska Committee nominates JuneauBroadband for Google's ultrafast broadband network and encourages other community members and stakeholders to do the same.

Adopted this 17th day of March, 2010 by:

 Wendy H. Gruen, Chair

For The Alaska Committee