HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION No. 15-07-635

Adopted

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly establishing a "sister city" relationship with the Village of Haines Junction.

WHEREAS, in April of 2015, the Village of Haines Junction, Yukon, Canada initiated action to seek a "sister city" relationship with the Haines Borough recognizing common cultural, economic, and natural interests, and the Village Council recently adopted a motion officially supporting this type of relationship; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2001 the former City of Haines entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Village of Haines Junction recognizing a Commerce Development Plan between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough wishes to renew the ideas of the 2001 MOU including the strategic economic importance of the Alaska and Haines Highway connection to the tidewater access of the Port of Haines for existing and emerging industries; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough and Village of Haines Junction share the borders of the "Four Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site"; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Haines Junction and Haines Borough have a long history of cultural and traditional relationships; and

WHEREAS, the connections between the Village of Haines Junction and Haines Borough are mutually beneficial for economic and tourism development,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Haines Borough Assembly establishes a "sister city" relationship with the Village of Haines Junction, Yukon, Canada.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly this 14th day of July, 2015.

OCTOBER 17

Attest:

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Janige Hill, Mayor