

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly requesting the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry to maintain an office and local staff in Haines to manage the Haines State Forest.

WHEREAS, the Haines State Forest is one of three designated state forests owned and managed by the State of Alaska for the benefit of Alaskans in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Haines State Forest is the source of resources that support the economy and enhance the quality of life for Haines residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry has maintained an office in Haines since 1965 for the purpose of managing this resource for multiple uses and sustained yield, including industry, community forestry, land-owner assistance, wildland fire suppression for Upper Lynn Canal communities, health protection and protection of water quality and fish habitat; and

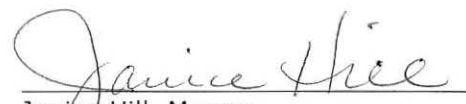
WHEREAS, the local office has developed a collaborative approach to management with the Division of Parks, Division of Land, Mineral and Water, the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Takshanuk Watershed Council, Chilkoot Indian Association and the Haines Borough; and

WHEREAS, management of forest resources and continued timely maintenance of the road system accessing the resources for resource protection, a diversified economy and citizens' subsistence can best be accomplished only with local knowledge, historical relationships and cultural roots; and


WHEREAS, the Haines State Forest has provided revenue for the State of Alaska for decades and can grow an even greater return to the State with direct management and accounting practices,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Assembly requests the Division of Forestry maintain an office in Haines to provide direct and responsive management of the 286,000-acre Haines State Forest.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 23rd day of August, 2016.


Janice Hill, Mayor

Attest:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk
Deputy Clerk for
J. Cozzi

