

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting the  
Passage of Senate Bill 171: An Act Changing the Residency  
Requirements for Sport Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Privileges.**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska residents rely on the resources of the State consistent with the Constitutional promise that "fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use"; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Haines Borough rely heavily on the fish, wildlife and the waters of the area for subsistence, personal and commercial uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing definition of residency for the purpose of obtaining a hunting, trapping or sport fishing license is broad and difficult to enforce due to the low threshold for residency; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaskans who invest in their communities by maintaining residency most of the year should reap the benefit of access to fish and game resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 171 aligns the residency requirements for sport fishing, hunting and trapping with the permanent fund dividend eligibility requirements and will help protect the opportunities for harvest for residents, while still allowing access for those who cannot or do not meet the residency requirements,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY** supports the passage of Senate Bill 171 by the Alaska State Legislature.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 27th day of February, 2024.



Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

Attest:



Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk

