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**A RESOLUTION OF THE JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXPRESSING SUPPORT  
FOR THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST AS PRESENTED**

**IN HB 105**

**02-11**

**WHEREAS**, the majority of timber in SE Alaska is on federally owned National Forest land, harvest of which has drastically declined and local mills are heavily dependent on sale of state timber, and

**WHEREAS**, the state is committed to maximizing the sustainable supply of timber from the small state timber land base, and

**WHEREAS**, there is broad support for shifting timber harvesting in SE Alaska from old growth to young growth stands, which yield higher volumes per acre on shorter rotations, and have less impact on wildlife, and

**WHEREAS**, much of the state timber land was conveyed from the federal government with young growth stands, the shift from old growth to young growth harvest can be accelerated by thinning these stands, and

**WHEREAS**, thinning and subsequent young growth management constitutes long-term investment, it is only justified if the land will continue to be available for forest management, and

**WHEREAS**, land designated as State Forest would ensure that some land will remain available for long-term management for multiple uses including the supply of timber to local processors, and

**WHEREAS**, the State owns the parcels of land that are listed in HB105 and are suitable for designation and subsequent management as a State Forest,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce endorses the establishment of a Southeast Alaska State Forest as currently proposed in House Bill 105 "An Act relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date".

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce will transmit this resolution to the Governor of Alaska, House and Senate Resource Committee Chair, Alaska State Legislature, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Forest Service Chief, U.S. Forest Service Alaska Regional Forester.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, by the Juneau Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on this date: February 15, 2011

  
Cathie Roemmich  
CEO, Juneau Chamber of Commerce  
At the direction of the Board of Directors and  
Representing nearly 400 Business Members