

**HOUSTON, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 12-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SENATE BILL
159, ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST.**

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources manages over 9.5 million acres of forest land in the Borough and timber harvesting is allowed on 2.1 million acres of this land; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 159 would establish a new Susitna State Forest from state lands presently used for timber harvest; and

WHEREAS, the Susitna State Forest would include 33 parcels totaling approximately 763,200 acres; and

WHEREAS, demand for state timber sales is growing and personal use sales for fuel wood have increased in this region; and

WHEREAS, the lands in the State Forest would continue to be open for multiple uses, including wildlife habitat and harvest and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, legislatively designating a State Forest would ensure that some land will remain available for long-term forest management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Houston City Council supports the adoption of Senate Bill 159 establishing the Susitna State Forest.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Houston City Council, Alaska
this 9th day of February, 2012.

THE CITY OF HOUSTON, ALASKA

Virgie Thompson, Mayor

James Johansen, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonya Dukes
Sonya Dukes, City Clerk

Sponsored by: Mayor Virgie Thompson
Attached: SB 159
Attached: SB-159 Public Briefing

