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A RESOLUTION OF THE JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN OPPOSITION OF

"the Obama Administration's new approach to forest management on the Tongass National Forest"

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WHEREAS, the State of Alaska and U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski oppose "the Obama Administration's new approach to forest management on the Tongass National Forest" as described in USDA Secretary Thomas Vilsack's September 3, 2010 letter to Senator Lisa Murkowski and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region (USFS) presented an Integrated 5-year Plan for the Tongass National Forest essentially applying a de facto roadless rule on the Tongass NF in contradiction to the USDA Settlement Agreement with the State of Alaska on the roadless rule and

WHEREAS, the new 5-year schedule is not consistent with the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) and is prematurely transitioning commercial timber harvests to young growth forests generally sixty years of age or less and

WHEREAS, implementation of the new 5-year schedule and de facto application of the roadless rule on the Tongass will reduce future access to the Tongass NF discouraging private investments for mining, timber, hydro-electric inter-ties and other activities which would help improve the economy and quality of life in Southeast Alaska's forest dependent communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce join the State of Alaska and U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski's opposition to the Obama Administration and USDA Secretary's new approach to forest management on the Tongass and U.S. Forest Service five year schedule of activities and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce supports the implementation of the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to transmit this Resolution to the Alaska Governor, Alaska Congressional Delegation, Southeast Alaska Legislators, The Southeast Conference, and Juneau Mayor and Assembly.

Record of December 28, 2010 Juneau Chamber Board meeting action:

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Juneau Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on this date: December 28, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathie Roennich".

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