## SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

## **RESOLUTION 13-09**

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE OF ALASKA MINING LEGISLATION AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**WHEREAS,** Southeast Alaska has tremendous mining development and support services potential with many projects already developed and others in development that have and will produce family wage jobs for our Southeast Alaska communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Legislature has introduced several bills and resolutions supporting and or promoting Alaska's growing mining industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the following bills, resolutions authored by the following legislative sponsors have been introduced:

Senate Bill 1 (Senator Giessel) and house companion bill House Bill 114 (Representative Munoz) an Act establishing May 10th of each year as "Alaska Mining Day";

Senate Bill 2 (Senator Giessel) and house companion bill House Bill 115 (Representative Munoz) allowing the State of Alaska to join the Interstate Mining Compact Commission as a full member;

Senate Joint Resolution 8 (Senator McGuire) and house companion resolution House Joint Resolution 9 (Representative Costello) supporting the exploration and development of rare earth elements in the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** Southeast Conference is the Alaska Regional Development Organization and the Economic Development District and with these designations we are committed to promoting the sound and responsible development of resources, job creation and economic development for our Southeast Alaska; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; THAT SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTS THE PASSAGE OF THESE 2013 MINING RELATED PIECES OF LEGISLATION AND RESOLUTIONS AND WILL SEND LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO THE SPONSORS OF THESE LEGISLATIVE SPONSORS FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA AND ALASKANS STATEWIDE

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON March 18, 2013 and will sunset on March 18, 2014

Witness by:

Tim Rooney, President

Attest:

Shelly Wright

Shelly Wright, Executive Director