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Opposing the closure of the Stikine Area Regional Supervisor's Office of the United States Forest Service.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the U.S. Forest Service is a major employer in the Petersburg area; and

WHEREAS the Forest Service is considering closing the Stikine Area Regional Supervisor's Office as a cost cutting measure; and

WHEREAS the 49 jobs at the Stikine Area Regional Supervisor's Office affect the economy of Petersburg; and

WHEREAS U.S. Forest Service employees holding the jobs have families who also work, attend school, and contribute to the economy; and

WHEREAS those families also own homes, have bank loans, and use various service industries in Petersburg; and

WHEREAS the loss of those families would result in a major change in school enrollment projections; and

WHEREAS the drop in school enrollment would also mean a drop in state school funding affecting service to all Petersburg school children, teachers, and administrators; and

WHEREAS this proposal is disruptive to both U.S. Forest Service employees and the City of Petersburg; and

WHEREAS the presence of the Stikine Area Regional Supervisor's Office and its employees in Petersburg allows for local participation and better management of the Tongass National Forest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports all efforts by municipalities such as Petersburg, to maintain and improve its economic climate and to ensure that the state has a viable economy for the future; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature opposes any action to close the Stikine Area Regional Supervisor's Office in Petersburg because it would severely damage the Petersburg economy.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard E. Lyng, Secretary of Agriculture, to F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.