

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 4/17/91
Referred: Community and Regional Affairs

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting the Yakutat Borough Incorporation Petition.

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

3 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the state that its citizens achieve maximum self
4. government; and

5 WHEREAS the citizens of the Yakutat and Yakataga area have expressed a desire to form an
6 organized borough; and

7 WHEREAS recently the trend has been to transfer more and more responsibility for providing
8 government services from the federal and state governments to local government; and

9 WHEREAS historically, culturally, and financially, the people residing within the area between
10 Cape Suckling and Cape Spencer have lived as a cohesive and interrelated social unit; and

11 WHEREAS the legislature encourages communities in the state to assume local government
12 powers wherever feasible and desired by the residents;

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Department of Community and
14 Regional Affairs is urged to act with dispatch in reviewing the incorporation petition for the proposed
15 Yakutat Borough and in making its recommendations regarding the petition to the Local Boundary
16 Commission; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Boundary Commission is urged to expeditiously hold

1 a public hearing in the area proposed to be incorporated and to give full consideration to the desire
2 expressed by the people in the area for self government as provided for under state law.

3 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner of
4 Community and Regional Affairs; and to the Honorable Charles Bettisworth, Chair, Local Boundary
5 Commission.