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Relating to the proposed change in the time zone for Juneau, Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1980, the voters of Juneau, Alaska, by a margin of two to one, adopted the following amendment to the municipal charter:

Sec. 3.19. RESTRICTION ON ASSEMBLY AUTHORITY. The Assembly may not sponsor, petition, propose, recommend, refer, or otherwise act in any way to provide for a change of the Pacific Time Zone applying to the area of the municipality. An ordinance, resolution, motion, order or other legislative authority in effect on the effective date of this section and inconsistent with this section, including but not limited to Resolution 569 of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, is of no effect. Promptly upon the effective date of this section, the Assembly shall give notice to the United States Department of Transportation of the adoption of this section and shall petition the Department for reconsideration of any decision which alters the Pacific Time Zone applying to the area of the municipality; and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Transportation has, without good cause, failed to give adequate weight to the undeniable preference of the vast majority of the people of Juneau and of all Southeastern Alaska in regard to the proposed time change, and it intends to effect the change on April 27, 1980; and

WHEREAS this arbitrary and unreasonable disregard of public sentiment contradicts the concept of government based on consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS there is no federal interest or policy which supports the Department of Transportation's disregard of public sentiment in the matter of Juneau's proposed time change;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation accede to the wishes of the people of Juneau as expressed in the election results and cancel its proposed change in Juneau's time zone.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; the Honorable Neil Goldschmidt, Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.