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Relating to a bowhead whale allocation for the City of Diomed.

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

WHEREAS the City of Diomed is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of Alaska and its citizens are residents of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the citizens of the City of Diomed have traditionally used the bowhead whale for subsistence; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of this legislature to represent the interests and protect the rights of the residents of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the citizens of the City of Diomed, as expressed in the city's Resolution 90-11, desire to obtain a bowhead whale allocation; and

WHEREAS to obtain the allocation the International Whaling Commission must increase the bowhead whale subsistence quota for Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS the City of Diomed's request for an allocation has been endorsed by the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, the local organization that oversees the management of the Eskimo bowhead whale hunt through a cooperative agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the United States Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS before the International Whaling Commission will approve the increased bowhead whale subsistence quota, the subsistence needs of the City of Diomedes must be documented, and the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission has confirmed that the documentation is underway; and

WHEREAS the request for the increase in the bowhead whale subsistence quota must be scheduled for consideration at the commission's annual meeting; and

WHEREAS a recent certified population census indicates that the healthy population of bowhead whales has increased;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature heartily endorses Resolution 90-11 of the City of Diomedes and its attempt to obtain a bowhead whale allocation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the International Whaling Commission to grant the request of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission to increase the annual bowhead whale subsistence quota for the Natives of Alaska upon the submission of the subsistence needs report for the City of Diomedes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature, in light of the certified population census indicating an increase of bowhead whales, and, in light of the traditional and documented use of the bowhead whale by the people of the City of Diomedes, strongly endorses the request by the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission for an increased bowhead whale subsistence quota to enable the City of Diomedes to obtain a bowhead whale allocation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; 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; and to the International Whaling Commission; the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission; and the City of Diomedes.