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GREATER JUNEAU BOROUGH

Resolution No. 99

A RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUATION OF THE
PRESENT FOREST SERVICE POLICY PROHIBITING
EXPORTATION OF ROUND LOGS FROM ALASKA.

WHEREAS, for decades it has been the policy of the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska to prohibit the export of round logs, that is, logs which have not undergone at least primary manufacture in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, this policy has been eminently successful in producing year-round employment and payrolls in Alaska and has, in fact, been substantially responsible for the creation of six Alaska sawmills and two major pulp mills, one of them built and purchased by foreign interests, thus aiding the U.S. Government in alleviating an unfavorable balance of payments situation, and

WHEREAS, a reversal of this successful policy could only result in: (1) the "exportation of jobs" along with the exportation of round logs; (2) the abolition for all time of the opportunity for a third pulp mill in the North Tongass National Forest; (3) the probable closure of most, perhaps all, of the present pulp and saw mills in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the policy of round log exportation as practiced in Washington and Oregon has demonstrated that the results of such policy is "exportation of jobs" as well as exportation of logs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we urge the United States Forest Service to sustain its wise and successful policy of requiring primary manufacture before logs can be exported abroad.
2. That we urge the United States Forest Service to consider expanding, not curtailing, this job and dollar producing policy, by extending the policy to cover national forest lands in Washington and Oregon where round logs are presently being exported in raw form to foreign nations and only minimal American payrolls result.
3. That we wholeheartedly concur with the stated position of the Governor of Alaska in this matter and extend to him and the