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the Request of the Mayor

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

No. AR 2006- 34

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK
BEGICH TO REQUEST STATE FUNDING AND FOR CREATION OF AN ANNUAL
FEDERAL FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS
ADVISORY COUNCIL (CIRCAC) TO ENHANCE ITS ABILITY TO ENSURE SAFE MARINE
TRANSPORTATION AND OIL FACILITY OPERATIONS IN COOK INLET.**

WHEREAS, Cook Inlet has seen a vast amount of development in the oil and gas industry, as well as increased commercial shipping traffic during the past forty years; and

WHEREAS, development in those areas continues to increase and corollary to this expansion is the responsibility to ensure safe marine transportation and oil facility operations; and

WHEREAS, the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) is an independent, nonprofit mandated by Congress to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally-safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in the Cook Inlet region; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly encourages further economic growth utilizing the offshore regions of Cook Inlet, but realizes that funding at the state and federal level for programs related to pollution prevention, contingency plan review, environmental monitoring and mapping, public outreach, and other associated issues are essential to help ensure that this development is achieved in a responsible manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly supports CIRCAC efforts for state funding and for creation of an annual federal funding mechanism for CIRCAC to enhance its ability to ensure safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this 14th day of

February, 2006.


Chairperson

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk



"The mission of the Council is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet."

January 25, 2005

Members

*Alaska State
Chamber of
Commerce*

Mayor Mark Begich
Municipality of Anchorage
632 W. 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

*Alaska Native
Groups*

Dear Mayor Begich:

*Environmental
Groups*

Cook Inlet has seen a vast amount of development in the oil and gas industry, as well as increased commercial shipping traffic during the past 40 years. As development in those areas increases, it is imperative that these activities are conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC) requests \$10,000 from the Municipality of Anchorage to enhance our programs for environmental monitoring and spill prevention and response related to these activities.

*Recreational
Groups*

*Aquaculture
Associations*

CIRCAC is an independent non-profit corporation mandated by Congress to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet. Our 13 member Board of Directors represents seven cities and boroughs within the region, along with commercial fishing groups, aquaculture associations, Native interests, recreation and environmental groups, and the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce.

*Fishing
Organizations*

City of Kodiak

Acknowledged as the Gateway to Alaska's commerce and population center, Cook Inlet is experiencing a new wave of rapid growth, increased vessel traffic, and resource development. Companies operating in Cook Inlet recently announced significantly changes in diesel production, coal gasification and mining, as well as other mining and oil exploration activity. Corollary to this expansion is the responsibility to ensure safe marine transportation and oil facility operations, CIRCAC's stated mission.

City of Kenai

City of Seldovia

To that end, CIRCAC regularly collaborates with the Kenai Peninsula Borough and others to identify the need for non-tank contingency plan review, environmental mapping, habitat monitoring, pipeline integrity assessment, pollution prevention and public outreach, and oil spill response. Regional, state, and federal funding for those programs is essential to help ensure that development is achieved responsibly.

City of Homer

*Kodiak Island
Borough*

We appreciate your commitment to our funding request during the recent Tri-Borough meeting in Soldotna and look forward to working with the Municipality of Anchorage to tailor projects to serve your needs.

*Kenai Peninsula
Borough*

Sincerely,

*Municipality of
Anchorage*

Michael L. Munger
Executive Director

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