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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 84-159

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO GRANT PORT OF ENTRY STATUS TO THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA.

WHEREAS, the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea within the North Pacific Ocean are the richest fisheries known to man; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seward, situated midway between these fishing grounds, is rapidly assuming a position of international importance in processing and shipping fish products as well as servicing the international and domestic fleets; and

WHEREAS, regular shipment of coal from Alaska will move through the Port of Seward to the Republic of Korea commencing in December, 1984, at an annual throughput rate of 800,000 metric tons per year over the next 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seward already enjoys the classification of Port of Call for the Polish fishing fleet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seward is nearing the completion of a 3,000 ton capacity shiplift within the Seward Marine Industrial Center shipyard which shiplift is the only one within the Alaska fisheries area; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the community is economically dependent upon the fishing and transportation industries centered in Seward and serving the international markets; and

WHEREAS, substantial costs are incurred in having United States Customs and Immigration personnel travel to Seward each and every time a foreign vessel calls on the Port of Seward;

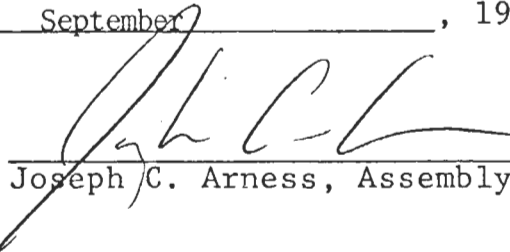
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the United States Government is hereby requested to grant Port of Entry Status to the City and Port of Seward, Alaska and assign a permanent U.S. Customs Immigration Inspector with authority to fulfill all functions of both agencies.

Section 2. That the clerk shall provide copies of this resolution to the City of Seward for inclusion in its application to the United States Customs Service.

Section 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 25th DAY OF September, 1984.

  
Joseph C. Arness, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Acting Borough Clerk