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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2946

A Resolution Reestablishing the Juneau Human Rights Commission for the Purpose of Amending the Number of Commission Members, and Repealing Resolution No. 2738.

WHEREAS, the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau established the Human Rights Commission in 1992, by Resolution No. 1615(am), to address the issue of discrimination and harassment within the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly re-established the Commission by Resolution 2209 in 2003, in 2008 with Resolution 2436, and again in 2016 with Resolution 2738; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly's purpose in establishing the Human Rights Commission, as stated in Resolution Nos. 1615(am), 2209, 2436, and 2738 remains unchanged: the Assembly finds discrimination against an inhabitant of the municipality because of any characteristic unrelated to merit is a matter of public concern, threatening the peace, order, health, safety, and general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, it continues to be the policy of the municipality to eliminate and prevent discrimination and harassment; and

WHEREAS, it is the Assembly's intent to re-establish the Commission without change, except that the Assembly Human Resources Commission passed a motion on April 26, 2021, recommending the Commission's membership increase from five members to seven members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Human Rights Commission re-established.

(a) There is established a human rights commission consisting of seven persons, which shall be known as the City and Borough of Juneau Human Rights Commission.

- (1) The Assembly shall appoint members of the Commission to staggered three-year terms. Members shall be selected to provide the most balanced representation possible. A member of the Commission shall be eligible for reappointment.
- (b) The Commission is charged to:
- (1) Develop educational and informational programs designed to bring about the prevention and elimination of all forms of discrimination, including hate crimes.
 - (2) Promote harmonious intergroup relations within the City and Borough of Juneau by making connections and enlisting the cooperation of racial, religious and nationality groups, business, community, labor and governmental organizations, fraternal and benevolent associations, education and other groups concerned with human rights.
 - (3) Examine sources of tension, practices of discrimination, hate crimes, and acts of prejudice in the City and Borough of Juneau.
 - (4) Advise the Assembly concerning solutions to specific problems of prejudice or discrimination, including hate crimes.
 - (5) Recommend to the Assembly, action, policies, and legislation to be considered by state and local governments.

Section 2. Procedure. The Commission's procedure shall be governed by the Advisory Board Rules of Procedure, as such may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. Officers, Meetings, Quorum. In accordance with the Advisory Board Rules of Procedure, the Commission shall select its own officers, and shall hold regular meetings on a schedule established by the Commission, as well as such special meetings as required to conduct business. The presence of four members constitutes a quorum and any action of the Commission requires four or more affirmative votes to be approved.

Section 4. Staff Assistance. Staff support to the Commission shall be provided by the City Manager as available and appropriate.

Section 5. Repeal of Resolution. Resolution No. 2738, adopted on January 11, 2016, is repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 24th day of May, 2021.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk