

HAINES BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 07-12-119

**Adopted**

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING  
ADOPTION OF A CLEAN ELECTIONS SYSTEM IN ALASKA.

**WHEREAS**, several former and current legislators have recently been convicted for accepting money in exchange for votes; and

**WHEREAS**, this illegal activity has undermined public confidence in the integrity of Alaska's elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, votes taken by these individuals during the 2006 legislative session cost the State an estimated \$1 billion in unrealized oil revenue, thus reducing available revenues critical to supporting our local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of corruption in Alaska politics has resulted in a withdrawal of business interest (i.e. the gas pipeline) in Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of a Clean Elections system can help restore public trust in government, eliminate the potential for and perception of corruption, and promote greater accountability to voters; and

**WHEREAS**, under Clean Elections, candidates who demonstrate broad public support and agree to forego private contributions can voluntarily qualify for public financing of their campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, Clean Elections affirms the principle of "one person, one vote" by curtailing the influence of special interest money; and

**WHEREAS**, Clean Elections allows for a greater diversity of candidates who will represent the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of a Clean Elections system would relieve candidates of the need to raise campaign funds thus allowing more focus on issues of voters; and

**WHEREAS**, Clean Elections systems saves money by elimination funding for pet projects advocated by special interests; and

**WHEREAS**, Clean Election systems have been enacted in seven states and have proven popular with voters as well as candidates,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly:

Section 1: Supports the objectives of a Clean Elections system and urges Governor Sarah Palin and the Alaska State Legislature to implement a Clean Elections system in Alaska without delay; and

Section 2: Declares that copies of this resolution will be sent to Governor Sarah Palin and all members of the Alaska State Legislature.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

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Jerry Lapp, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk