

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2968

A Resolution of the Assembly of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Supporting Ketchikan Indian Community's Proposal to the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council to rescind Ketchikan's Nonrural Determination.

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS**, the Ketchikan Area has maintained nonrural status since nonrural communities were defined in 1980; and
- B. WHEREAS**, the Ketchikan Area remained nonrural when the Federal Subsistence Management Program assumed its designation from the State of Alaska in 1990; and
- C. WHEREAS**, in 2007 the Southeast Alaska Regional Advisory Council Board aggregated Saxman with the nonrural Ketchikan Area; and
- D. WHEREAS**, in 2015 the aggregation of Saxman and Ketchikan was rescinded, but that the decision did not affect the nonrural status of the Ketchikan Area; and
- E. WHEREAS**, in 2015 the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior revised the regulations governing the rural determination process for the Federal Subsistence Management Program; and
- F. WHEREAS**, Ketchikan's nonrural status has not been considered by the Southeast Alaska Regional Advisory Council Board under these new regulations; and
- G. WHEREAS**, many Alaskan Natives and non-native residents of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough utilize subsistence resources to alleviate food scarcity issues and financial pressures due to inflation; and
- H. WHEREAS**, a subsistence lifestyle is part of the ethos of the community and Alaska Natives maintain a subsistence way of life to protect their traditions and cultures for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH as follows:

Section 1. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough supports Ketchikan Indian Community's request to rescind the nonrural determination for the Ketchikan Area, which includes the

City of Ketchikan, Revillagegado Island, Pennock Island, Gravina Island, the southern portion of Cleveland Peninsula and the surrounding waters in the area.

Section 2. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough urges the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council to rescind the Ketchikan Area's nonrural determination.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Rodney Dial, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

Kacie Paxton, Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Glenn Brown, Borough Attorney