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RESOLUTION 08-0428

A RESOLUTION BY THE GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GFCC) OPPOSING 'ANTI-MINING' BALLOT INITIATIVES 07WTR3 AND 07WTR

WHEREAS, The Alaska State Constitution provides that Alaska's natural resources shall be made available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.

WHEREAS, Consistent and clear land use planning that identifies multiple use lands are essential for a vibrant resource development-based economy.

WHEREAS, On lands designated through such planning for multiple use, no decision should be made on whether to permit or restrict resource development projects in Alaska until all of the required environmental impact studies have been completed.

WHEREAS, The current regulatory process for permitting mining projects protects public health and safety, as well as environmental and subsistence values.

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska has implemented some of the most stringent water quality laws in the nation, requiring that discharge of process waters meet drinking water standards for all modern large scale mines in production or those being planned.

WHEREAS, Existing and proposed new, large scale metal mining projects in Alaska that can operate in a way that will protect local fish, wildlife, and human health, and obtain all required state and federal permits and comply with all environmental laws, should be allowed to operate.

WHEREAS, The anti-mining initiatives are so broadly written that they would prohibit the development of new large scale mines and would force the shutdown of existing large scale mines throughout Alaska.

WHEREAS, These drastic anti-mining initiatives threaten thousands of existing and future jobs, and threaten the loss of billions of dollars in Alaska State Revenues

WHEREAS, These Initiatives, if implemented, would be especially damaging to Alaska Native communities, which depend upon revenues and jobs from natural resource development.

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- Conoco Phillips
- ExxonMobil
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WHEREAS, A shutdown of existing and future mines would be a serious economic blow to Alaska's economy, with ripple effects in employment and investment far beyond the communities and mining companies directly affected by such a shutdown.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce opposes the passage of initiatives 07WTR and 07WTR3 if they are placed on the Alaska ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to:

Office of the Governor, State of Alaska
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