

**CITY OF COFFMAN COVE, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION 24 09**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COFFMAN COVE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF HB 201 AN ACT CHANGING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND SPORT FISHING PRIVILEGES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Coffman Cove; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 201 RESIDENCY REQ: HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING amends AS 16.05.415(a)(3) and (e)(3) to read: *“has been physically present in the state at all times during the 12 consecutive months under (2) of this subsection or, if absent, was absent only as allowed in AS 43.23.008”*; and

**WHEREAS**, AS 43.23.008 Allowable absences lists the conditions under which an Alaska resident may be physically absent from the state but still qualify for a Permanent Fund Dividend; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Alaska Constitution requires that *“The legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of its people”*; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the State of Alaska and its people to ensure that those who enjoy the lower cost and increased bag limits associated with a resident license are, in fact, full-time residents of the State of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, AS 16.05.415 Determination of residency is currently too broad, vague and subject to judicial interpretation to be equitably enforceable under either the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article I Section 1 Inherent Rights declaration of the Alaska Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, AS 43.23.008 Allowable absences has withstood judicial review;

**BE IT RESOLVED**

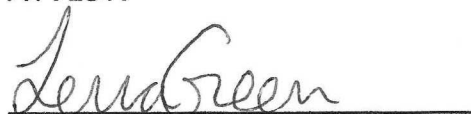
The Coffman Cove City Council hereby supports passage of HB 201.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Coffman Cove Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2024.

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Mayor / Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Green", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk