

CITY OF COFFMAN COVE, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 16-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COFFMAN COVE, ALASKA, OPPOSING THE
CREATION OF A PRINCE OF WALES BOROUGH HOME RULE CHARTER

WHEREAS, it is understood that POWCAC is still in the process of exploring the concept of borough formation on Prince of Wales Island,” and;

WHEREAS, it is understood that POWCAC undertook these efforts and started the research process prior to 2008, and;

WHEREAS, prior to 2008, “hostile annexation” was a realistic threat in which a neighboring borough could annex Prince of Wales Island without a vote of the people of Prince of Wales Island, and;

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Alaska State Legislature changed Alaska Statute 29.06.040 to state, in part: “a proposed annexation must be approved by a majority of votes on the question cast by voters residing in the area proposed to be annexed,” and;

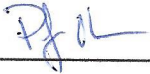
WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 29, Article 2, Procedure, requires that the first step in incorporation of a borough is to petition the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, The Division of Community and Regional Affairs, and the Local Boundary Commission, and;

WHEREAS, AS 29.05.060, Petition, states, in part: “Municipal incorporation is proposed by filing a petition with the department. The petition must include, for a home rule city, a proposed home rule charter,” and;

WHEREAS, the absence of a completed Prince of Wales Borough proposed home rule charter blocks interested parties from petitioning the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, The Division of Community and Regional Affairs, and the Local Boundary Commission to begin the incorporation process.

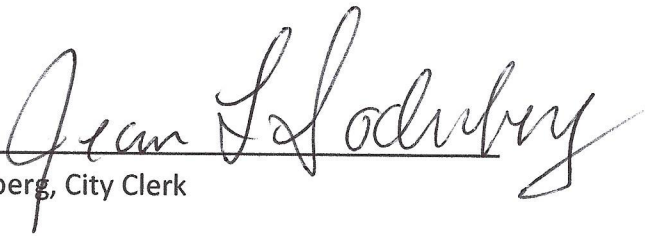
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Coffman Cove opposes any further action by the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council (POWCAC), or any other party, that would lead to the creation of a proposed Prince of Wales Borough home rule charter.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Coffman Cove City Council this 17th day of December, 2015.



Perry Olson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jean Soderberg, City Clerk