RESOLUTION 12-06

Juneau, Alaska

Title: SUPPORTING THE LICENSING, DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE SWEETHEART LAKE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT NEAR JUNEAU

By: Juneau Tlingit Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Juneau Tlingit Haida Community Council is a political entity of the Central Council of the Tlingit Haida Indians of Alaska, a federally recognized Tribe. The Community Council represents 6247 Tribally enrolled members;

WHEREAS, the Juneau Tlingit Haida Community council has sent representatives to the regulatory commission of Alaska and to the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly to express its concerns over the need for increased electrical generation capacity of the local utility and its opposition to consumer electrical rates; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower, Inc. a hydropower development company based in Juneau is developing the Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project with respect for Native values and is committed to working with local tribes and Native entities for mutual benefits; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower, Inc. acknowledges and respects that Sweetheart Creek is identified as a historical trapping and fishing ground of the Taku people (Goldschmidt and Haas report) as well as through recent cultural studies and Juneau Hydropower Inc. further encourages federal and state agencies to recognize these findings.

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower, Inc. is committed to increasing the subsistence and personal fishing opportunities for Juneau’s Native community through improved spawning habitat improvements and working to substantially increase the size of returning sockeye salmon and further is committed to working with the Douglas Indian Association now and in the future to ensure that these fishery resources
benefit Juneau’s Native community.

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower Inc. has submitted a draft license application and preliminary draft environmental assessment to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Hydropower Inc. through its ownership, management, development and operations plan is committed to the traditional and environmental values of the Alaska Native Brotherhood to protect and increase the fisheries as well as to build a hydropower project in an environmentally sensitive manner that represents how current and future hydropower developments should be built with respect for the environment and with Native values.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Juneau Tlingit Haida Community Council requests that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and all federal and State of Alaska regulatory agencies approve their Environmental Assessment and issue Juneau Hydropower Inc. a FERC license to develop and operate the Sweetheart Lake Hydroelectric Project; and

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Juneau Tlingit Haida Community Council this 11th day of October, 2012.

CERTIFY

Juneau THCC President – Harold Houston Sr.

ATTEST:

Juneau THCC Secretary – Louise Kadinger