

Adopted 3/28/23  
Amended 4/11/23

HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION No. 23-03-1033

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Expressing the Importance of the Alaska Constitution and the Grand Jury System.**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Alaska is the foundational document protecting the State and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Its provisions have been carefully crafted to provide guidance to State institutions and officials to protect individual liberty, resources, and to establish a government operating with three separate but co-equal branches commonly known as the executive, legislative and judiciary each with functions designed to operate in the public interest; and

**WHEREAS**, Grand juries are an important, constitutionally provided, feature of State government with the power "to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety"; and

**WHEREAS**, The citizens of Alaska have a Constitutional right of free speech and that right of free speech is guaranteed in the United States Constitution and the Alaska Constitution; and such right of free speech extends to the right of the people to directly approach the Grand Jury without government interference; and

**WHEREAS**, The Alaska Grand Jury may be the only way for citizens to bring issues of public welfare or safety to light, when all other efforts have failed or been ignored by the government,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:**

SECTION 1. The Haines Borough Assembly hereby proclaims this body will protect and defend the Constitution of the State of Alaska and the Constitution of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. The Haines Borough Assembly supports the foregoing principles and recognizes the right of all Alaskans to rely on State government institutions to be responsive to legitimate citizen concerns.

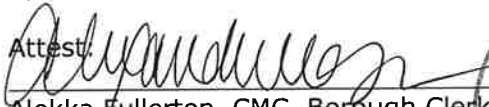
SECTION 3. The Haines Borough Assembly is concerned that Order of the Supreme Court of Alaska (#1993) effective December 1, 2022, is unconstitutional and violates the right of the people to approach the Grand Jury directly.

SECTION 4. True copies of this document will be provided to the Office of the Governor of the State of Alaska, all members of the Legislature and the council of the Judicial branch.

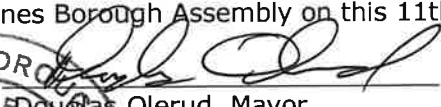
SECTION 5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 11th day of April, 2023.

Attest:

  
Alekka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk



  
Douglas Olerud, Mayor