

**Petersburg Borough, Petersburg, Alaska
RESOLUTION #2016-29**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADDITION OF PORT AND HARBOR
EMPLOYEES TO THE LIST OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY AS 12.55.135**

WHEREAS, State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, port and harbor employees in communities throughout the State of Alaska routinely perform enforcement and emergency response duties commensurate with those performed by peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing port and harbor employees in several recent cases have received sentences well below the minimums established in AS 12.55.135 for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough Assembly desires to strengthen the deterrent to unlawfully assault or harass port and harbor employees throughout the State of Alaska.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Petersburg Borough Assembly supports the addition of port and harbor employees to the list of employees covered by State of Alaska statute AS 12.55.135. Sentences of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors, which establishes minimum terms of imprisonment for defendants convicted of assaulting or harassing uniformed or otherwise clearly identified peace officers, fire fighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants or other emergency responders or medical professionals.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on November 21, 2016.

ATTEST:

Mark Jensen, Mayor

Melinda Swihart, Deputy Clerk