WHEREAS, Alaskan voters have repeatedly rejected initiatives to move the legislative capital; and

WHEREAS, a legislative capital move would affect every resident of Southeast Alaska by reducing airlines and ferry service, increasing passenger fares and freight rates, and hurting regional businesses, non-profit organizations, tourism, and seafood industries; and

WHEREAS, a legislative capital move would exacerbate Southeast Alaska’s decline in political influence in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, a legislative capital move would divert significant state resources away from vital services such as schools, roads, ferries, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, a legislative capital move would divert attention away from critical fiscal, economic, and social problems that Alaskans should be working cooperatively to solve and is not a good use of Alaskan’s time, money, and energy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeast Conference reaffirms its opposition to any effort to move the legislature.

ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 at Ketchikan, Alaska.

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