CITY OF CRAIG RESOLUTION 19-10

SUPPORTING MANAGEMENT OF ROADSIDE VEGETATION WITHOUT THE USE OF HERBICIDES, PESTICIDES, OR SPRAY DEFOLIANTS

WHEREAS, the use of herbicides along Alaska's roads and highways is a subject of great concern among the residents of Southeast Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, Public and private lands and waterways adjacent to Alaska's roadways allow access to fish, wildlife, berries and many other naturally occurring resources that provide food, economic, lifestyle and cultural benefits to many Alaskans; and,

WHEREAS, use of herbicides, pesticides and other spray defoliants threaten the efforts of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and commercial fishing groups that successfully promote the wild and natural condition Alaska seafood due to risks of run off of pesticide and herbicides from treated roadsides into adjacent salmon streams; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Craig city applauds efforts to eradicate invasive plants on Prince of Wales Island and believes that mechanical means of eradication are the best first choice in addressing invasive plant species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Craig City Council calls for private, state, and federal agencies with land management authority on Prince of Wales Island to implement mechanical means first and foremost to address invasive species and other flora that are problematic to ecosystems and maintaining roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Craig requests private, state, and federal land managers first hold public hearings prior to any effort to apply chemical treatments to flora on Prince of Wales Island.

APPROVED this 4th day of June, 2019

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