

Selawik Mayor Rejects Effort to Move Capitol

SELAWIK — Mayor Joseph Ballot of Selawik in Northwestern Alaska has signed a resolution calling for the citizens of Alaska to join him in rejecting the capitol move initiative on the Aug. 27 ballot.

The resolution noted that the two previous attempts to move the capital from Juneau and warned of "the financial disaster inherent in such an ill-advised measure."

It also stated, "The needs of the people of the State of Alaska are great, The priorities of the people's needs must be carefully and thoughtfully considered and not sacrificed to an ill-conceived project.

"The real priorities of the people of Alaska are first-rate schools, roadways and transportation facilities, full-service hospitals and adequate law enforcement, and these critically important services and facilities would be blocked by the financial drain the relocation measure would inflict upon the state."

Additionally, the resolution predicted that the state's tax structure and bonding capacity will be severely strained, should the capitol be moved.