



CITY OF WASILLA

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RESOLUTION NO. WR95-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA SUPPORTING EKATERINA JHESTKOVAS' EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A REINSTATEMENT OF HER GRADUATE STUDENT VISA, FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, Ekaterina Jhestkova received a student visa (September 1994 to September 1995) from INS in Lincoln, Nebraska to attend Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, Xavier University has offered Ekaterina Jhestkova an assistantship for the next year to complete her Masters Degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, while Ekaterina Jhestkova was in Moscow to help during her mother's illness and to visit friends, the American Embassy refused to extend her student visa, and canceled the remaining portion of her visa; and

WHEREAS, Ekaterina Jhestkova has actively provided volunteer translator and facilitator on behalf of the City of Wasilla, the Wasilla/Mirny Sister City Association, and a local church group during visits of visiting Russian and Yakutian delegations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla has demonstrated interest and active Sister City agreement concerning friendship and cultural exchange with a Republic and City of the former Soviet Union; and


WHEREAS, through a series of official joint meetings and personal visits the City of Wasilla and members of its Sister City Association are attempting to foster better cultural understanding and interaction via communication and learning in business, civic, and governmental affairs, and cultural and trade relations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council strongly urges its elected Federal and State Representatives, the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Moscow to support Ekaterina Jhestkovas' efforts to have her student visa reinstated in order to finish her graduate studies in the United States for a Masters Degree in Business Administration; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as citizens of the United States of America we strongly believe such an action is in the best interests of better relations between our countries and the individuals which comprise them.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla on the 10th day of July, 1995.

ATTEST:


MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED:


PAT HJELLEN, Deputy Mayor

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