WHEREAS, Alaska is one of the most seismically active region in the world; and

WHEREAS, a minor earthquake has a small probability of being followed by a larger, damaging, earthquake; and

WHEREAS, critical response equipment stored in a building can be damaged by structural failure; and

WHEREAS, removal of this equipment to open areas following minor earthquakes mitigates the potential for damage during a major event; and

WHEREAS, the USCG has chosen to recommend that critical equipment be removed from buildings when an earthquake of M4.0 or greater occurs and initiate a 24 hour moratorium until risks are assessed and conditions deemed favorable for returning the equipment to the structures

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission commends the USCG-Kodiak for its proactive policy supporting earthquake risk mitigation.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission on this 13th day of October 2006.

John L. Aho, Chairman