

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY15-14**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS ENCOURAGING FUNDING OF THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO SUSTAIN SERVICE VITAL TO COASTAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System is essential infrastructure and a major economic engine for coastal Alaska, carrying residents, freight, and tourists throughout a region lacking a constructed State road system, and;

WHEREAS, weather conditions often leave isolated coastal Alaskan communities without any alternative reliable transportation access, other than the ferry, for many days at a time, and;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Ferry system has a reliability that allows Alaskans to plan with confidence a trip outside their communities for shopping, medical appointments, job opportunities, school educational trips, cultural opportunities, sporting events, and vacations, and;

WHEREAS, travel via the Alaska Ferry is inherently more economical and less stressful than flying, particularly for young families with children, school groups, and for seniors with limited incomes, and;

WHEREAS, the Alaska Ferry system carries vehicles and other large or heavy loads that can't be transported by air and;

WHEREAS, the economy of Gustavus is visitor-oriented with an increasing number of tourists reaching Gustavus by ferry, and;

WHEREAS, some businesses in Gustavus would be severely impacted if they were unable to ship freight or bring in customers via the Alaska Ferry, and;

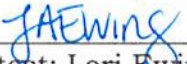
WHEREAS, each individual's ferry trip or freight shipment generates economic activity at both ends that would not occur if the trip could not be made and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: the Gustavus City Council urges the funding of the Alaska Marine Highway System at a level that will allow it to continue to provide the essential service so vital to our community and to others connected by the system.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 13th of April, 2015.



Mike Taylor, Mayor



Attest: Lori Ewing, City Clerk