

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY18-26**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS ESTABLISHING THE NEED FOR
ENHANCED ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SERVICE (AMHS) FOR GUSTAVUS**

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus serves as the gateway to the Glacier Bay National Park, and its economy relies heavily on the independent traveler for whom the AMHS is the main transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Gustavus has a large second-home population and serves as a bedroom community for Juneau residents and a commuting workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus ferry had approximately 3,000 vehicles and over 8,000 passengers in 2017; and

WHEREAS, existing service to Gustavus by the AMHS is currently twice a week, which does not adequately serve the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, there is insufficient deck space allocated for Gustavus destined freight as evidenced by our main freight provider being denied bookings routinely and repeatedly throughout the summer; and

WHEREAS, enhanced AMHS service to include an additional weekly port call would provide for the expanding needs of the commercial sector, providing increased capacity for goods and services to and from Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, enhanced AMHS service to include an additional weekly port call would provide for the increased demand of the residential sector to receive health services, do business with providers located in Juneau, and have additional retail opportunities to address emergent needs; and

WHEREAS, enhanced AMHS service to include an additional weekly port call would provide increased opportunity for visitors to Gustavus, increasing opportunities for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the AMHS is commissioning two Day Boat Alaska Class Ferries, the M/V Tazlina and the M/V Hubbard to service Lynn Canal starting in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gustavus is one of the few communities in Southeast Alaska with a growing population; and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses rely on the AMHS to provide adequate service to meet the health and lifestyle needs of Gustavus customers, businesses, and residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council petition the AMHS to add a third day per week to the Gustavus schedule.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council Gustavus City Council this 24th day of September, 2018, and effective upon adoption.

Barbara Miranda

Barbara Miranda, Mayor

9/25/18

Date

Karen Platt

Attest: Karen Platt, City Clerk

Date