

HAINES BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 09-11-177

Adopted

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE FULL FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST "ALASKA CLASS" FERRY AND ENCOURAGING THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TO HOME PORT THE NEW ALASKA CLASS FERRY IN HAINES.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) is the virtual lifeline for access to critical medical care, school events, commerce, and job opportunities, and;

WHEREAS, the aging AMHS fleet serves over 30 coastal communities with several vessels that are over 40 years old that are becoming difficult and costly to safely maintain and repair, and;

WHEREAS, the Malaspina, being one of the vessels over 40 years old, provides daily service between Haines, Skagway and Juneau during the summer months with a high level of ridership, and;

WHEREAS, AMHS has begun the process to design and build the next generation of "Alaska Class" vessels meant to provide safe, reliable, and efficient service for the next 40 years while replacing some of its oldest ferries, and;

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough, through Resolution 07-11-116, dated November 20, 2007, pledged "its full support and cooperation to develop the Haines Ferry Terminal into a regional hub that will support daily service to the ports of Juneau and Skagway", and;

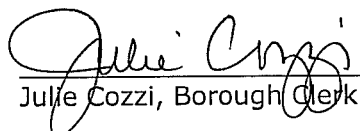
WHEREAS, the connection between the Haines Highway and the Alaska Marine Highway is very important since both have a National Scenic Byways designation, and the Highway works best when the ferries work well,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly encourages the Alaska State Legislature to fully fund the new Alaska Class Ferry and insure that construction begins as soon as possible, and;

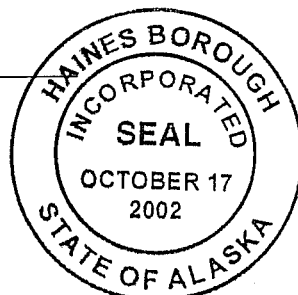
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Haines Borough Assembly pledges its continued support for the necessary AMHS local terminal improvements and invites the State of Alaska to homeport its first "Alaska Class" ferry in Haines.

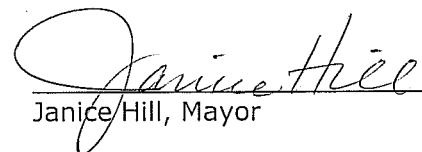
ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

ATTEST:


Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk

SEAL:




Janice Hill, Mayor