

Presented by: Mayor and Assembly
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1503

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT HOUSE BILL NO. 175 WHICH WOULD APPROPRIATE \$45 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM VESSEL REPLACEMENT FUND IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1992 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, in 1990, the Sixteenth Alaska Legislature adopted House Bill No. 372 establishing within the State of Alaska General Fund the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Replacement Fund, and

WHEREAS, the vessel replacement fund was established for the purpose of financing the timely replacement and refurbishment of vessels in the Alaska Marine Highway System, and

WHEREAS, the Seventeenth Alaska Legislature has now introduced House Bill No. 175 which would appropriate \$45 million from the General Fund to the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Replacement Fund in the Fiscal Year 1992 Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT/PF) estimates that it will cost \$29 million to replace a small feeder ferry, \$39 million to replace a mid-sized ocean-going vessel, \$102 million to replace a large vessel such as the Columbia, and that it would cost approximately \$300 million to replace all vessels in the fleet, and

WHEREAS, in the fleet conditions survey recently released by DOT/PF, it was estimated that the cost of refurbishing the entire fleet could be as high as \$92 million, and

WHEREAS, the average age of the vessels in the Alaska Marine Highway fleet is approximately 23 years and each vessel requires periodic refurbishment in order to maintain a safe and adequate level of service, and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 1992 State Budget presently does not include funding for the replacement and refurbishment necessary for long-term continuous service of the Alaska Marine Highway System, and

WHEREAS, vessel replacement and refurbishment is necessary in order for the Alaska Marine Highway System to continue to provide basic transportation needs for Alaskan communities, residents, and visitors, and

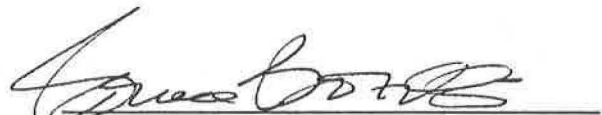
WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System is a critical part of the economy of the State of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That the Assembly urges the Alaska Legislature to adopt House Bill No. 175 which would appropriate \$45 million from the General Fund to the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Replacement Fund in the Fiscal Year 1992 State Budget in order to ensure the long-term maintenance and vitality of the Alaska Marine Highway System as a critical transportation link for communities, residents, and visitors throughout Southeast Alaska.

2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 1991.


Mayor

Attest:


Clerk