

Presented by: Mayor Smith
Introduced: 01/28/2002
Drafted by: John R. Corso

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2134

A Resolution Supporting Nomination of The Alaska Marine Highway as a National Scenic Byway.

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities have initiated a project to nominate Alaska's Marine Highway as a National Scenic Byway, and

WHEREAS, 2003 is the 40th anniversary of the AMHS, and

WHEREAS, Alaska has many coastal communities that cannot be connected by surface roadways thereby making water routes an important method of moving people, vehicles, and goods, and

WHEREAS, the historic, recreational, scenic, cultural, and economic value of the Alaska Marine Highway is immense, and

WHEREAS, improving AMHS ports and associated facilities, such as pathways, campgrounds, and access improvements through the use of Scenic Byway grants can provide increased incentives to visit communities on the marine highway route, and

WHEREAS, increased visitor numbers can enhance the economies of the port communities, and

WHEREAS, the AMHS Corridor Partnership Plan and subsequent national designation will bring to the attention of passengers, both resident and non-resident, the importance of cultural contributions from Native, Russian, and Scandinavian sources; regional dependence on water for travel; and the significance of resource-based industries like logging, fishing, mining and tourism, and

WHEREAS, the process for seeking the national scenic byway designation is based on a partnership planning model that involves local communities, individuals, and groups interested in Alaska's Marine Highway service, in consideration of issues such as the waterway routes, ferries and terminals of the AMHS;

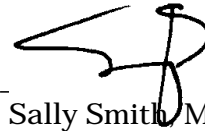
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The Partnership of Byway Supporters and the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities are encouraged to proceed with the process of seeking national recognition of Alaska's Marine Highway as a National Scenic Byway and to include Juneau in the partnership planning process.

Section 2. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities for the purpose of conveying our community's interest in the project and our willingness to participate as a Corridor Planning Partner.

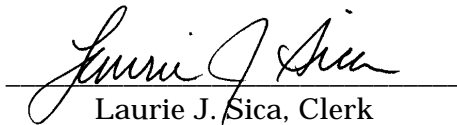
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of January, 2002.



Sally Smith Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Clerk