

Presented by: The Manager  
Introduced: 02/13/2012  
Drafted by: J.W. Hartle

## RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2603

### **A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for SEATrails, the Southeast Alaska Trail System, and its Mission for an Interconnected Trails System.**

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to improve sustainable economic opportunity in the form of jobs; and

WHEREAS, trails and associated businesses can generate jobs allowing residents to remain in the Southeast community of their choice; and

WHEREAS, trails improve the health and quality of life for residents in a community; and

WHEREAS, a network of Southeast communities will have greater trail marketing opportunities in the form of regional maps and comprehensive information; and

WHEREAS, surface transportation is an important issue for the Southeast region and its communities, and it is in the public interest to use existing and future surface transportation opportunities in these communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System will play a central role in the success of the economic development within Southeast communities and SEATrails; and

WHEREAS, SEATrails was formed in 2000 to serve as a regional, community-led, grassroots partnership focused on community trails and economic development; and

WHEREAS, SEATrails is a 501(c)(3) organization that includes 19 communities in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, SEATrails has awarded \$120,000 to 10 Southeast communities for trail projects; and

WHEREAS, SEATrails was awarded the Partners in Stewardship's 2004 'Award of Excellence for Building Community Connections'; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Cluster Initiative identified "Multi-Purpose, Multi-Community, Land and Water Trails and Support Facilities" as a key economic initiative.

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

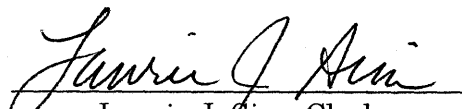
**Section 1.** That the Assembly supports SEATrails and its mission to support and promote an interconnected trails system that enhances economic development, transportation, and quality of life in Southeast Alaska.

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

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

  
Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:

  
Laurie J. Sica, Clerk