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**ALEUTIANS EAST**



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## **RESOLUTION 17-24**

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING THE M/V KENNICOTT'S TRIP TO KODIAK OUT TO THE ALEUTIAN CHAIN WHILE THE TUSTUMENA FERRY UNDERGOES REPAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Marine Highway System recently announced that the M/V Tustumena's return to service has been delayed until July 18, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tustumena delay is due to the repair of additional extensive steel wastage in the engine room; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tustumena was originally scheduled to return to service on May 27, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the delay of the Tustumena's return to service impacts communities throughout Southwest Alaska and along the Aleutian Chain; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of the Aleutians East Borough (AEB) rely heavily on the M/V Tustumena for ferry transportation to and from AEB communities to help offset the high cost of travel by air; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities in the AEB depend on the ferry for transporting new fire, police, EMS and other vehicles for city business; and

**WHEREAS**, AEB communities transport heavy equipment for infrastructure projects in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough residents often transport new vehicles and those had repairs on the Tustumena to their home communities; and

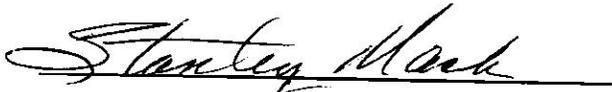
**WHEREAS**, delays in the Tustumena's return to service has adverse effects for municipalities, businesses and individuals throughout the Aleutians East Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports state funding for construction of the Tustumena replacement vessel.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Marine Highway System to extend the M/V Kennicott's trip to Kodiak out to the Aleutian Chain during the ferry's June trip while the M/V Tustumena undergoes repairs.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Aleutians East Borough on this 11 day of

May, 2017.



**Stanley Mack, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Tina Anderson, Clerk**