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 ___ day of May, 2017.

[Signature]
Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tina Anderson, Clerk