

RESOLUTION 14-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO DEVELOP A LONG-TERM DEPENDABLE SOLUTION TO ENSURE FULL UNINTERRUPTED FERRY SERVICE TO THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH COMMUNITIES.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska ferry M/V Tustumena provides service between Homer, Kodiak, Chignik, Unalaska and the Aleutians East Borough communities of Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass, Akutan; and

WHEREAS, the M/V Tustumena entered the Seward Ship's Drydock for scheduled repairs November 1, 2012 and was scheduled to return to service April 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the return to service date was delayed due to unexpected steel work repairs; and

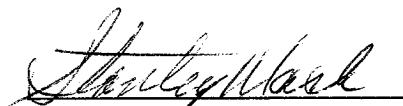
WHEREAS, further inspection of completed repairs did not meet required safety standards for passenger service resulting in additional time needed to complete the required safety standards; and

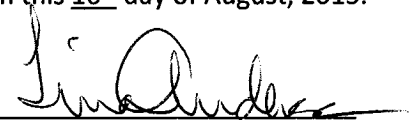
WHEREAS, Aleutians East Borough families that were relying on the ferry service for affordable transportation between communities had to use costly alternative transportation by chartering air service; and

WHEREAS, residents rely on the ferry service to bring new vehicles into their community from Anchorage and transporting vehicles back and forth for repairs and maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Aleutians East Borough Assembly formally requests that Governor Parnell and the Alaska State Legislature develop a long-term dependable solution to ensure Aleutian East Borough communities receive scheduled and uninterrupted service from the Alaska Marine Highway System.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 16th day of August, 2013.


Stanley Mack, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Tina Anderson, Clerk