

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly calling for the support of SEATrails (the Southeast Alaska Trail System) and its mission for an interconnected trails system that enhances economic development, transportation, and quality of life in Southeast Alaska.**

**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 that includes 19 communities in Southeast; 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,

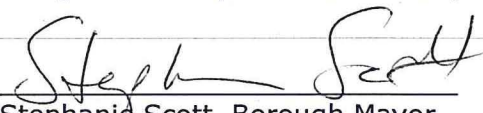
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly supports SEATrails and its mission to support and promote an interconnected trails system that enhances economic development, transportation, and quality of life in Southeast Alaska.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

Attest:

  
Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk



  
Stephanie Scott, Borough Mayor