

HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION No. 15-10-647

Adopted

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly urging the state to maintain a viable marine highway system while deploying ferries to maximize economic benefit to the state and traveling public.**

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough has repeatedly expressed its support for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) in the upper Lynn Canal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough recognizes the extreme fiscal constraints and challenges that the AMHS must adapt to; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Marine Highway System was created as a public transportation network, serving all Alaskans, supported in part by public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Marine Highway System serves as Southeast Alaska's road system, effectively providing ferry service to connect the remote communities of Southeast Alaska and promote economic development within the region for over fifty years; and

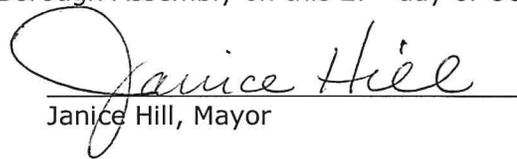
**WHEREAS**, the State and Haines economy is largely dependent upon the transportation link AMHS provides between Southeast and interior Alaska, Yukon, and Lower 48; and

**WHEREAS**, the State must achieve a balance of budget cuts and increased or new revenue to address the many needs of the Marine Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft 2016 summer schedule does not meet the needs of the known traffic in the highest revenue-generating routes,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Haines Borough Assembly: That the Haines Borough Assembly calls on Governor Walker, the Alaska State Legislature and the Department of Transportation to take a different approach than that proposed in the 2016 draft summer schedule and deploy ferries on a schedule that will maximize revenue opportunities for the State while providing transportation services to the greatest number of the travelling public thus protecting the viability of the ferry system.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
Janice Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk  
Deputy Clerk for  
J. Cozzi

