

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting the replacement of the P/V Enforcer for the Alaska State Wildlife Troopers.

WHEREAS, The primary mission of the Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers is to protect Alaska's Natural Resources through the enforcement of wildlife statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife Troopers in Alaska enforce all laws; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the missions of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers, they respond to search and rescues, investigate major crimes, including homicides, and enforce traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, The Enforcers' crew is responsible for providing enforcement and a remote field presence in commercial crab, IFQ fisheries, sable fish, salmon, ground fish, herring, and fall/winter game patrols, as well as respond to Search and Rescues and augment emergency responses in rural Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Enforcer responded to provide assistance in the Haines Borough during our 2020 Winter Storm Event and fatal landslide; and

WHEREAS, The Enforcer is the only vessel in the Southeast able to serve as a remote platform for an on-site Emergency Command Center; and

WHEREAS, the Haines Borough counts on the efforts of our local Wildlife Trooper as the only local Alaska State Trooper posted in Haines; and

WHEREAS, The Enforcer is a key tool in the enforcement of laws in Southeast Alaska and diminished response times for the refurbishment of the existing P/V Enforcer would not be in the best interests of the Haines Borough; and

WHEREAS, a new Patrol Vessel with modern capabilities which can be in the water sooner at a modest increase in price is in the best interests of the Haines Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Haines Borough Assembly supports the replacement of the P/V Enforcer as soon as possible.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 14th day of February, 2023.

Attest:


Alekka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk




Douglas Olerud, Mayor