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RESOLUTION 20-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KING COVE REQUESTING THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM MAINTAIN REASONABLE AND SUSTAINABLE CORE SERVICE LEVELS TO ALASKAN COASTAL COMMUNITIES INCLUDING KING COVE AND OPPOSING THE REDUCTIONS IN THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM'S FY2020 AND FUTURE BUDGETS

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) is a fundamental, critical and reliable method of transportation for the State of Alaska and its coastal communities, including King Cove, by transporting residents, visitors, itinerant workers, food, health care, supplies, equipment, and providing important commercial links within the region and connections to the rest of Alaska and the lower 48; and

WHEREAS, AMHS is and has been for over fifty years, a highway for communities not tied to the "statewide" terrestrial road system which receives federal and state funding; and

WHEREAS, King Cove residents, having no connection to the road system, have become dependent and heavily rely on this critical and more affordable (than air transportation which is its only other option) means of transportation for employment, groceries, supplies and school programs; and

WHEREAS, AMHS supports commerce and future economic development by providing commercial routes across Alaska and specifically supports the Alaska seafood industry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed its FY2020 budget reducing AMHS funding by \$44Million then HB2001 passed with the addition of \$5Million in operating funds for AMHS and thereafter the \$5Million was vetoed by Governor Dunleavy; and

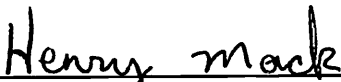
WHEREAS, The Alaska Legislature has determined that the AMHS is an essential part of the State transportation system, and that it warrants continued and predictable state support as cited in AS 19.65.050.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: City of King Cove urges the Alaska Department of Transportation to reestablish and maintain reasonable core AMHS services and supports AMHS reform that is sustainable and responsive to the needs of coastal communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of King Cove respectfully requests that a minimum of four, Southwest Ferry system trips (ideally two in May/June and two in September) occur in 2020 with service provided by either the M/V Tustumena or M/V Kennicott.

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of King Cove urges the Legislature to override the \$5 Million veto of AMHS funding for FY2020 and strongly opposes any future reductions to funding for AMHS.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council for the City of King Cove, Alaska on January 22, 2020.


Henry Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kailee Calver, City Clerk