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MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 08-12R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA SUPPORTING USE OF THE CRUISE SHIP INITIATIVE TAX FOR BONDING AND BUILDING OF THE ALASKA GRID.

WHEREAS, Alaska's voters in November 2006 chose to initiate a Citizen's Initiative to tax Cruise Ship passengers; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has regulations on how this tax can be used; and

WHEREAS, Cruise ships have had a significant impact on the environment and economics of their ports of call; and

WHEREAS, Cruise ships running diesel powered engines while in port have caused and are continuing to cause significant damage to the environment; and

WHEREAS, Cruise ship companies have ships with the ability to plug into shore power, so they are able to shut down their diesel engines while in port; and

WHEREAS, Few communities have the capacity to plug in these ships while in port; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated Southeast Alaska has a 500 MW hydro power potential as well as other renewable energy power sources; and

WHEREAS, It is not feasible to develop this power unless you have a year round market; and

WHEREAS, Cruise ships call at ports in Alaska and these ports need power to service cruise ships; and

WHEREAS, This initiative was initiated because of environmental concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway hereby supports the bonding and building of the Alaska grid connecting Ports of Call in Southeast and Southcentral Alaska, with connections to the British Columbia, Yukon and Alaska Railbelt grids. The bond should be paid for in part with some of the Commercial Passenger Excise Tax Regional Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 19th day of June, 2008.

Thomas D. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjorie D. Harris, Municipal Clerk

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