Proposed by: Assemblyman Reichert Vote: 5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 12-03R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA, SUPPORTING SEATRAILS 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 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 Municipality of Skagway Assembly hereby 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 2nd day of February, 2012.

tan Selmer, Mayor

Emily Deach, Municipal Clerk (SEAL)