

Proposed by:	Assemblyman S. Burnham
Attorney Review:	04/25/2019
Vote:	6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 19-20R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE OCEAN RANGER PROGRAM AND OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS THAT WOULD REPEAL THE OCEAN RANGER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Ocean Ranger Program (AS 46.03.476), established in 2006 through a statewide voter initiative, requires that all large commercial passenger vessels (LCPV) entering the marine waters of the state have an independent observer (Ocean Ranger) on board for the purpose of monitoring compliance with state and federal requirements; and authorizes Ocean Rangers to ensure that passengers, crew, and residents at ports are protected from improper sanitation, health, and safety practices; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Ranger program is funded through a \$4.00 per berth fee [AS 43.03.480(d)] and is therefore not a cost burden to the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry is a vital component of Skagway's economy, and the Municipality of Skagway must balance its facilitation of the cruise industry with its responsibilities to protect the health and safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway fully supports the mission of the Ocean Ranger program and its efforts to protect the health and safety of Southeast Alaska cruise port residents, as well as the health and safety of cruise passengers and crew; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 74 and Senate Bill 70 propose to repeal the Ocean Ranger Program; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed FY20 budget seeks to eliminate funding from the Ocean Ranger Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway that the Municipality fully supports the Ocean Ranger Program; and

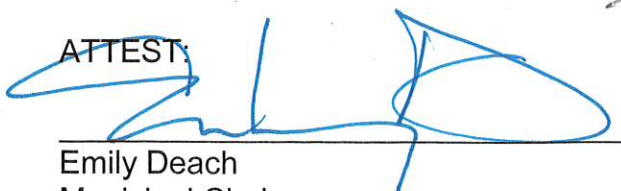
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway supports the continued funding of the Ocean Ranger Program, and strongly opposes legislative actions that would repeal the Ocean Ranger program.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of May, 2019 by the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.



Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily Deach
Municipal Clerk

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