

Proposed by:	Mayor Cremata
Attorney Review:	02/11/2020
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## MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA

### RESOLUTION NO. 20-03R

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY SUPPORTING THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND DAY BOAT SERVICE IN LYNN CANAL.

**WHEREAS**, our region is coastal in nature and our economies have evolved around reliable and predictable patterns of marine transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, state ferries deliver people, food, health care, supplies, and equipment to coastal communities throughout the state, with economic impacts far beyond the area in which they operate; and

**WHEREAS**, many Skagway business owners depend on reliable ferry service for revenue, especially those open year-round; and

**WHEREAS**, residents of Skagway, Haines, and many other communities depend on the marine highway for safe and reliable winter travel, particularly for health care needs; and

**WHEREAS**, elderly and residents with physical challenges are particularly dependent upon the marine highway for medical needs that cannot be provided in small communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's financial woes coupled with the aging fleet of vessels have combined to form the perfect storm for the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS); and

**WHEREAS**, the recent suspension of ferry service has caused great hardship for residents, schools, businesses and coastal economies; and

**WHEREAS**, Northern Lynn Canal provides an essential link between the State Capital and the two road heads out of Haines and Skagway; and

**WHEREAS**, for many decades the Golden Circle Tour has been a highly successful joint marketing effort on behalf of Haines, Skagway, Haines Junction, and Whitehorse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska ferries are an essential component of the independent visitor industry and support a robust visitor economy for the communities of Haines, Skagway, and Juneau; and

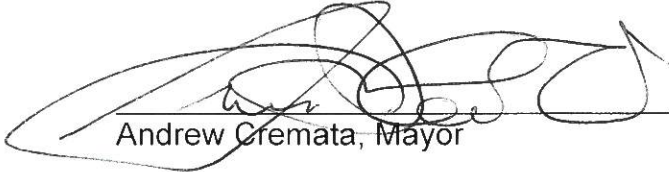
**WHEREAS**, the Northern Lynn Canal route generates significant revenue for AMHS; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Dunleavy's consultant report by Northern Economics, "Alaska Marine Highway System Economic Reshaping Report," recommends optimizing revenues and efficiencies whenever possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's report also supports day boat service (12- or 14-hour runs) whenever possible as a means of reducing AMHS costs and increasing revenue;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway that the Municipality of Skagway supports the use of day boats as the most efficient means of providing ferry service in Northern Lynn Canal.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily A. Deach  
Borough Clerk

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