

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: January 2, 1990
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 90-1

OPPOSING THE SEASONAL SHUT DOWN OF M.V. TUSTUMENA FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN SELDOVIA, HOMER AND SEWARD

WHEREAS, the city of Seldovia, located across Kachemak Bay from Homer, is not connected to the highway system; and

WHEREAS, the only access to this community is by air or marine transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Tustumena Ferry serves Seldovia, Seward, Homer and Kodiak and is a basic means of transporting residents as well as all types of supplies and materials; and

WHEREAS, the legislature cut the Alaska Marine Highway budget, causing ferry service to be discontinued this winter beyond its normal overhaul time; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway plans to pull the Tustumena from service for eight months next year for a complete remodel; and

WHEREAS, this discontinued service will cause serious transportation, shipping and potential economic problems for the communities it serves;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the assembly supports the supplemental funding request for FY'90 by the Alaska Marine Highway to avoid negative economic impacts by the anticipated loss of service this winter.

Section 2. That the assembly supports the efforts of the Alaska Marine Highway to find a replacement vessel for use while the Tustumena is being remodeled from October 1, 1990 through June 1, 1991, as well as increased funding from the legislature to pay for this service.

Section 3. That the clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to all state legislators who represent the Kenai Peninsula Borough; all members of the House and Senate Finance Committees; Mark Hickey, Commissioner of Transportation; and Jim Ayers, Director of the Alaska Marine Highway System.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 2ND DAY OF JANUARY, 1990.

ATTEST:

James W. Skogstad
James W. Skogstad, Assembly President

Janice Brindley
Borough Clerk
by Catherine J. Klockner, Deputy Borough Clerk