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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 99-084**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SEWARD AS THE HOMEPORT
FOR THE M/V TUSTUMENA**

WHEREAS, the Alaska marine Highway System is a vital economic transportation link for the City of Seward; and

WHEREAS, a proposal to expand western service and remove Seward from the Tustumena's itinerary would actually increase operating costs for the ferry and eliminate an important transportation link between Seward and ports in Homer, Kodiak, Prince William Sound and other areas; and

WHEREAS, the intermodal transportation benefits and options of rail, sea, air and land enjoyed by the Alaska Marine Highway System customer would be disrupted, which is in direct conflict with our nation's transportation policy and vision of seamlessly linking all forms of transportation systems to the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System has committed to using the Seward Railway Dock Facility, and a planned multi-million dollar improvement to that facility has been designed to incorporate the needs of the M/V Tustumena; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation, in cooperation with the City of Seward, has committed to development plans including, and making special provisions for, the M/V Tustumena; and


WHEREAS, the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward has a Marine Department which will soon house a state of the art ship simulator where professional mariners may obtain or renew their licenses in keeping with international standards, which is in direct support of the marine industry and the Alaska Marine Highway System;

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

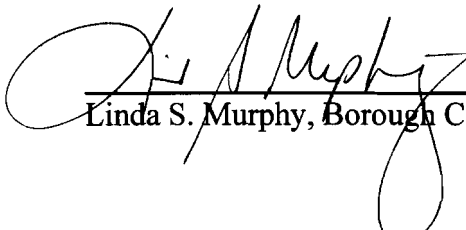
SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough actively and aggressively opposes any changes in the homeport of the M/V Tustumena and any proposed decrease or elimination of ferry service to Seward.

SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1999.


William Popp, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

