

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KETCHIKAN SHIPYARD AS AN ENDURING ENTERPRISE ANCHORING THE RE-INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE REGIONAL MARITIME INDUSTRY COMPLEX

Resolution 07-11

WHEREAS, the Ketchikan Shipyard is a state owned facility supporting AMHS ferries and other commercial and publicly owned vessels; and

WHEREAS, the current private sector shipyard operator has secured a thirty year commercial operating agreement with the state providing long needed institutional stability for enduring operation of the Ketchikan Shipyard; and

WHEREAS, the public ownership and commercial operating agreement constitute a Public Private Partnership (PPP) established to assure the Ketchikan Shipyard transitions to an enduring enterprise; and

WHEREAS, goals of the PPP supporting the Ketchikan Shipyard are to:

- establish the Ketchikan Shipyard as a viable enterprise capable of operating over the long term; and
- reduce the cost of operating public and commercial marine vessels in Alaska, the North Pacific, and Arctic Oceans; and
- attract marine vessels currently home porting outside the region to new homeports within the region; and
- attract private investment in new businesses supporting the regions maritime industry complex; and
- provide year round, family wage employment in the region; and

WHEREAS, pending federal legislation titled the Maritime Administration Enhancement Act of 2005 contains a section titled Assistance for Small Shipyards and Maritime Communities that provide assistance to state and local governments to provide grants and loan guarantees to small shipyards (under 600 employees) for:

- capital improvements (not land or buildings) for advanced manufacturing tooling; and
- to encourage, assist in, or provide training for residents of maritime communities that will enhance the economic viability of those communities.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference resolves to support efforts by industry and local and state government to establish the Ketchikan Shipyard as an enduring enterprise employing advanced manufacturing to provide stable, year round family wage employment and attract new private investment in the region.

**ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 at Ketchikan, Alaska.**

Witnessed by:

Attested by:



Carol Rushmore
President

Murray Walsh
Executive Director