

Southeast Conference

Resolution 16-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE SUPPORTING RENEWED ADVOCACY FOR THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Southeast Conference was originally formed to support and advocate for the Alaska Marine Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System provides the main transportation link between coastal communities in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Highway System, like the hard-link road system throughout the Railbelt, relies on State and Federal government funding and, like a road will never be self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System, in conjunction with the communities and professional planners, has written and partially implemented a series of transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System is in need of a complete planning overhaul within the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities should place high priority on reconfiguring the system and the plan for the future; and

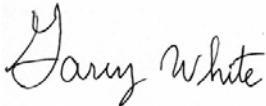
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Southeast Conference would like to see the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and the Alaska Marine Highway System:

1. Manage the system to reliably meet year-round service needs of communities
2. Develop a long-term strategy for replacement of aging vessels prior to implementing new service;
3. Work with communities to determine essential service needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southeast Conference will rededicate itself to advocating for the Alaska Marine Highway System to the State and Legislature ensuring that a reliable ferry fleet continues to service coastal Alaska Communities.

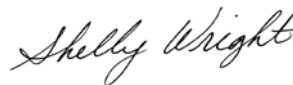
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