



MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION FY17-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE (SWAMC) MEMBERSHIP REQUESTING THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR WALKER APPROVE STATE FUNDING TO MATCH FEDERAL FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE M/V TUSTUMENA

WHEREAS, the M/V Tustumena serves nine SWAMC communities on Kodiak Island, the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands out of Homer; and

WHEREAS, the transportation link that this Alaska Marine Highway System service provides is vital to the economic and social well-being of this highly productive region of coastal Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the M/V Tustumena was placed into service in 1964 and has outlived its useful life as a publicly operated marine vessel; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has been involved over the last several years in a public process to design a ship to replace the M/V Tustumena; and

WHEREAS, the design phase of the replacement plan is over and it is time to begin the process to bid and construct a replacement for the M/V Tustumena; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walker has requested \$22,000,000 dollars in State funding to match \$222,000,000 in Federal transportation funding in his FY18 capital budget to construct a replacement ship; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Legislature must approve the State funding in Governor Walker’s FY18 budget and authorize the acceptance of Federal funding for construction a replacement ship.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership strongly urges the Alaska Legislature to approve State funding in the FY18 Capital Budget at least at the level requested by Governor Walker and authorize the use of Federal transportation funding for the M/V Tustumena replacement project and that Governor Walker retain this funding and authorization in the FY18 Capital Budget that he signs into law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Membership this 3rd day of March, 2017.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:

Rebecca Skinner, SWAMC President

Doug Griffin, SWAMC Executive Director