CITY OF THORNE BAY RESOLUTION 19-02-05-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA, REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP SUPPORT INTER-ISLAND FERRY AUTHORITY OPERATIONS

Whereas, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska; and

Whereas, the Inter-island Ferry Authority is a municipal corporation established under the Alaska Municipal Port Authority Act, and is a Marine Highway system that serves thirteen communities on Prince of Wales Island, and

Whereas, the Inter-island Ferry Authority is requesting the State of Alaska appropriate funds to the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA), which will assist the IFA in their daily operations; and

Whereas, the Inter-island Ferry Authority (IFA) has an essential role and function in providing the communities on Prince of Wales with critical transportation needs such as safe and affordable transportation for doctor visits for our Elders, school and sports travel for our children, including commercial, and personal needs, and

Whereas, the IFA is also an important transportation asset for public health and welfare in responding to natural disasters and other emergencies; and

Whereas, the City Council urges the State to continue funding the IFA operations, as this funding is critical to maintaining the current level of service provided by the IFA to Alaskan residents and the growing number of visitors to Prince of Wales Island.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska, requests the State of Alaska continue to provide financial assistance to help support Inter-Island Ferry Authority operations.

PASSED AND APPROVED February 5, 2019

Lee Burger, Vice-Mayor

Teri Feibel, City Clerk