



## **Grand Camp Resolution #16- 16**

### **Title: Alaska Marine Highway Service to Sitka.**

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has severely cut the quantity of ferry services to Sitka especially in winter months and proposed services are grossly inadequate and negatively affects Sitka, the fifth largest city in Alaska in comparison with other Southeast Alaska Communities; and

WHEREAS, Many of the communities served by the Alaska Marine Highway depend upon the regional hospital known as SEARHC, for inter-scholastic activities, local government, for commerce and for cultural ceremonies held in the fall time; and

WHEREAS, Weather often prohibits flights to Sitka from villages and lives are at risk when ferry services are unavailable since it is our highway, and

WHEREAS, ANB Camp #1 and ANS Camp #4, ask that Grand Camp convey to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to fund the Alaska Marine Highway service to Sitka from villages in a responsible manner to prevent the loss of lives in medical emergencies when flight is prohibited.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Juneau, Alaska, October 5-8, 2016, adopt this resolution and support Sitka's needs of no less than three ferries per week north and south bound to meet the above stated needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Juneau, Alaska, October 5-8, 2016, convey to DOT/PF to support funding for replacement planning for ferries in South East Alaska be the highest priority in this funding cycle immediately.

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