



**ANB/ANS Grand Camp
Anchorage, AK October 2019**



Resolution 19-14

Title: REQUEST NO FURTHER CUTS TO MARINE HIGHWAY FUNDING

WHEREAS, The Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) serves 33 Alaska ports and provides reliable basic transportation for individuals and freight transportation unsusceptible to weather conditions for necessary supplies to the 27 communities not connected to a road system; and

WHEREAS, In the 2018 Annual Financial Report for the AMHS, it is stated that the service weeks provided in 2018 were 317.5 which was a reduction from 2017's 329.5; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 McDowell study stated that the reductions in that year harmed the cost of living for coastal communities, a decline in quality of health services due to limited access, fewer/shorter cultural events, less school related travel, and numerous other service impacts; and

WHEREAS, At the 2019 Tlingit and Haida Tribal Assembly Resolution, TA 19-14 requested funding be maintained for the AMHS and acknowledged the impacts of less funding and the proposed cuts by the Governor of Alaska; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Alaska Native Brotherhood and the Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled in October 2019 will advocate to the State of Alaska that minimal to no further cuts should come to the AMHS in FY2020.

/s/ Joe Williams, Grand President
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Paulette Moreno, Grand President
Alaska Native Sisterhood

/s/ James A. Llanos Jr, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Brotherhood

/s/ Carol Duis, Grand Secretary
Alaska Native Sisterhood