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**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2003-230**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING
ACQUISITION OF A DUAL USE VESSEL TO SERVE THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.**

WHEREAS, a dual use vessel would provide both standard ferry and emergency response services to the residents of Southcentral Alaska; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's employed labor force commutes to Anchorage on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the dual use vessel can support the construction of the Knik Arm Crossing by ferrying materials, supplies, and by eliminating over 2,000 miles of truck traffic per vessel trip; and

WHEREAS, the dual use vessel service would provide an alternate link between the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and other areas of the state; and

WHEREAS, this dual use vessel would provide access to large tracts of undeveloped land in the Point MacKenzie and Fish Creek areas; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a commercial airline disaster, a dual use vessel could perform rescue operations and support hundreds of survivors; and

WHEREAS, the dual use vessel would provide an alternate means of travel between the borough and Anchorage should the Glenn Highway and its various overpasses and bridges be destroyed due to earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, an environmental assessment of passenger and cargo service between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage has been completed and has resulted in a finding of no significant impact; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has initiated the engineering and design for a dual use vessel; and

WHEREAS, this dual use vessel would facilitate commercial and industrial development within both port districts; and

WHEREAS, this dual use vessel would provide a shorter link to the Borough's snow machine trail system and summer salmon fishery benefitting Anchorage recreational users as well.

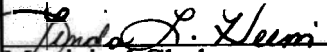
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Anchorage Assembly supports the acquisition of a dual use vessel to provide ferry and emergency response service between the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage.

1 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 22nd day of July,
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