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**RESOLUTION OF THE CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Resolution No. 2020: 01

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING YEAR-ROUND FERRY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF
CORDOVA, ALASKA**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway System has provided service to Alaska coastal communities and schools for more than 50 years, including those located in Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, AMHS gained federal recognition in being named a National Scenic Byways for its scenic, cultural, and archaeological qualities and in 2005 was designated an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration, and, further, is the only marine route in the U.S. with these designations; and

WHEREAS, these designations also reflect, in part, the characteristics of the Cordova School District; and

WHEREAS, the Cordova School District and visiting students to our unique community contribute to the ridership of the AMHS with approximately 1,500 passenger tickets and nearly 200 vehicle fares, yearly; and

WHEREAS, ferry service offers a reasonable, predictable, and cost-effective means with which to schedule travel for our students outside of Cordova; and

WHEREAS, travel for our students provides enhanced learning opportunities in real-life contexts about the State of Alaska; engagement with others in culturally diverse settings; participation and competition in academic and athletic events held throughout the state; and the development of a strong foundation in permanent life-long skills such as teamwork, communication, relationship building, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, through a variety of enriched learning experiences, it is our belief that students will graduate with a well-rounded education that offers multiple pathways to success and, ultimately, meaningful contributions to our community and state, as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as the governing board responsible for ensuring a high-quality public education for each student in our community, the Cordova School District Board of Education is resolute in strongly supporting a minimum of twice weekly, consistent, year-round ferry service to and from Cordova provided by the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Approved by the Cordova School District Board of Education on August 27, 2019.

_____, Board President