

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 03-13-13**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CORDOVA, ALASKA, RECOMMENDING THAT THE ALASKA  
MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM PROVIDE WIRELESS INTERNET ON  
ALASKA'S FERRIES TO HELP STUDENTS STAY CONNECTED WITH  
THEIR TEACHERS WHILE TRAVELING**

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Marine Highway System provides reliable and safe service, during the school year, to districts throughout South Central Alaska as our students travel to other communities for sports and other activities, and;

**WHEREAS**, these trips remove students from the classroom for days at a time and often a total of several weeks during the year, and;

**WHEREAS**, though there are many good things students gain from their travels, it is also a tremendous hardship to them in terms of the classroom contact they miss back at their schools, and;

**WHEREAS**, though the laptops many districts issue to students can help them with class assignments, they often have a difficult time keeping connected with their teachers and their academic progress suffers from the long times spent traveling, and;

**WHEREAS**, having high-speed Internet access on the ferry would allow students to be much more connected to the classes they are in, much more productive and much less inclined to fall-behind.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, requests the State of Alaska provide the resources necessary to the Alaska Marine Highway to equip their ferries with high-speed wireless internet.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2013**



  
James Kacsh, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk