

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 1603 Amended

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, ALASKA TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A SOUTHEAST ALASKA TRAILS SYSTEM (SEA-TRAILS) TO BE FORMED BY A COALITION OF COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, TRAILS ORGANIZATIONS, AND CITIZENS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

- A. Trails are an important part of a community's basic infrastructure. They contribute significantly to the health, quality of life, and economy of the Ketchikan area.
- B. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough has supported the planning and development of local trails through actions including: the endorsement of the Ketchikan Trails Plan (1995), assisting in the volunteer effort to construct North Point Higgins Trail, participating in an agreement to access Department of Transportation mitigation funds for construction of the Rainbird Trail, participation in a multi-agency MOU to implement the Trails Ketchikan proposal for the construction of eight new trails, and participation in the Challenge Cost-Share Agreement with the Forest Service specifying how Borough funds may be used to assist in the construction of five new trails.
- C. The Southeast Alaska Trails System (SEA-trails) is a proposed regional network of hiking, biking, kayaking, scuba, and wheelchair accessible trails. Such a regional approach will have greater marketing opportunities in the form of regional maps, comprehensive trail information, and the facilitation of services needed to promote trail use. The inclusion of trails in the SEA-trails will be locally determined and controlled.
- D. The Alaska Marine Highway has agreed to participate in SEA-trails.
- E. The SE Alaska communities of Sitka, Juneau, Pelican, and Craig are currently participating in the formation of SEA-trails. The participation and support of Ketchikan is requested by SEA-trails organizers and the Ketchikan Outdoor Recreation and Trails Coalition.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, ALASKA as follows:

Section 1. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly hereby endorses and supports the concept of a Southeast Alaska Trails System (SEA-trails) to be formed by a coalition of communities, government agencies, trail organizations, and citizens.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2001.