

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 14-08**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE**  
**ALASKA MARITIME WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

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WHEREAS, the fisheries, seafood and maritime industries have much in common; and

WHEREAS, a needs assessment was completed; and an Industry Advisory Committee is now in place to work with the state and with the University of Alaska system to implement the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the direct and indirect benefits of employment in the maritime sector are enormous—contributing more than \$1 billion annually to Alaska’s economy; and

WHEREAS, Alaska maritime employers are contending with a ‘graying’ workforce, and seek to expand the number of Alaskans throughout the state who have the employability and technical skills, expertise and motivation to be competitive in the job market; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan is a call to action for industry, educators and state government to work together to keep this economic sector vibrant, to grow the number of Alaskans comprising this workforce and to ensure Alaskans are qualified to fill the skilled and well-paid Alaska maritime positions; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan seeks to address issues of workforce recruitment, retention, training in job readiness and in core competencies and ongoing professional development in emerging and high demand occupational categories; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan will be implemented most effectively through an industry-led process that involves the joint efforts of industry, the State of Alaska, the University of Alaska system, regional training centers and other education providers, community development quota (CDQ) organizations, tribal and local governments, the K-12 educational system and other training providers; and

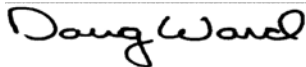
WHEREAS, the Industry Advisory Committee will oversee implementation of this Plan and will regularly assess and report on outcomes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board supports the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Plan and the cooperative efforts of the Industry Advisory Committee and other stakeholders to implement the strategies contained in the plan.

**CERTIFICATION**

The Alaska Workforce Investment Board held a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed and convened this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014 and the foregoing Resolution was adopted unanimously at said meeting.

Signed this 14th day of May, 2014



Doug Ward, Chair  
Alaska Workforce Investment Board