

Presented by: The Manager  
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Drafted by: A. G. Mead

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 2702**

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau in Support of Full Funding for the State of Alaska Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2016 State Capital Budget.**

WHEREAS, the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska were constructed by the State during the 1960s and 1970s; and

WHEREAS, these harbor facilities represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaskan coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, these harbor facilities are ports of refuge and areas of protection for ocean-going vessels and fishermen throughout the State of Alaska, especially in coastal Alaskan communities; and

WHEREAS, over the last 30 years, the State of Alaska has transferred ownership of most of these State-owned harbors, many of which were at or near the end of their service life at the time of transfer, to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in doing so, the municipalities inherited a significant financial burden given the deteriorated state of the harbor facilities at the time of the transfer; and

WHEREAS, in response to this financial burden, the Governor and the Alaska Legislature passed legislation, supported by the City and Borough of Juneau and the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, to create the Harbor Facility Grant Program (AS 29.60.800); and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau and the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators is pleased with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities administrative process to review, score and rank applicants to the Harbor Facility Grant Program, since state funds may be limited; and

WHEREAS, for each harbor facility grant application, these municipalities have committed to invest 100% of the design and permitting costs and 50% of the construction cost; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Docks and Harbors has benefited from this program in the amount of \$9,000,000 for projects at Don D. Statter Harbor Facility, Aurora Harbor and the Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of the Aleutians East Borough, the City and Borough of Sitka, and the City of Seward, City of Ketchikan, City of Coffman Cove, and Municipality of Anchorage have offered to contribute \$14,262,722 in local match funding for FY2016 towards seven harbor projects of significant local importance, as required in the Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, completion of these harbor facility projects is dependent on the 50% match from the State of Alaska's Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has only been fully funded twice in the last eight years; and

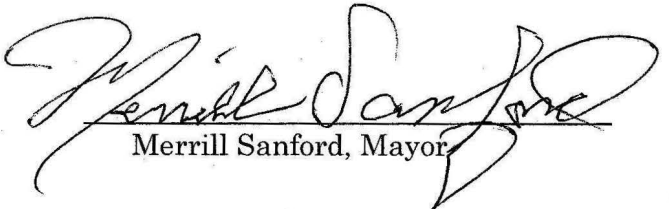
WHEREAS, during the last eight years the backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace these former State owned harbors has increased to over \$90,000,000.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1.** The Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau urges the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to fully fund the Harbor Facility Grant Program in the amount of \$14,262,722 in the FY 2016 State Capital Budget.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

  
Merrill Sanford, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk