

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: 01/11/2016
Drafted by: A. G. Mead

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2739

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 FY2017 State Capital Budget.

WHEREAS, the majority of public boat harbors in Alaska were constructed by the State of Alaska 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 assuming ownership of the State-owned harbors, 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 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 Program application, these municipalities have committed to invest 100% of the design and permitting costs and 50% of the construction cost; and

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WHEREAS, the municipalities of the City of Aleknagik, the Municipality of Anchorage, the City and Borough of Juneau, the City of Kodiak, the City and Borough of Sitka, the Municipality of Skagway, the City of Valdez, the City and Borough of Wrangell, and the City of Whittier have offered to contribute \$20,648,514 in local match funding for FY2017 towards nine harbor projects of significant importance as required by 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 ten years; and

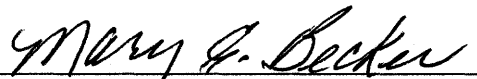
WHEREAS, during the last ten years the backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace these former State of Alaska owned harbors has increased to over \$100,000,000.

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 \$20,648,514 in the FY2017 State Capital Budget in order to ensure the enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

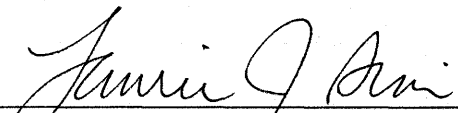
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 2016.



Mary E. Becker, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk