

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
RESOLUTION No. 11-18-1433

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2020 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators recognizes the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska where 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 for protection for ocean-going vessels and fishermen throughout the State of Alaska, especially in coastal Alaskan communities; and

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

WHEREAS, the municipalities took over this important responsibility even though they knew that these same Harbor facilities were in poor condition at the time of transfer due to the State's failure to keep up with deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, consequently, when local municipal harbormasters formulated their annual harbor facility budgets, they inherited a major financial burden that their local municipal governments could not afford; and

WHEREAS, in response to this financial burden the Governor and the Alaska Legislature passed legislation in 2006, supported by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, to create the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program, AS 29.60.800; and

WHEREAS, 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 applications 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 municipalities of the City of Anchorage, the City of Angoon, the City and Borough of Juneau, the City of Ketchikan, and the City and Borough of Sitka, have offered to contribute \$7,409,439 in local match funding for FY2020 towards seven harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor facility Grant Program; and

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

WHEREAS, during the last ten years the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program has only been fully funded twice; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, and the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, that we urge for funding in the amount of \$7,409,439 by the Governor and the Alaska Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program in the FY 2020 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 27th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

Patricia Gilbert
Patricia Gilbert, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST: *Kim Lane*
Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

