CITY OF SELDOVIA
RESOLUTION 19-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA
SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING ($7,409,439) FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2020 STATE
CAPITOL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Seldovia recognizes 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 Alaska 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 nearly 30 years has transferred ownership of most
of these State-owned harbors, many of which were at the end of their service life at the time of
transfer, to local municipalities; 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, 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, and the City and Borough of Juneau,
City of Ketchikan, City and Borough of Sitka, and the City of Angoon have offered to contribute
$7,409,439 in local match funding for the 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 the 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 THAT: the City Council of the City of Seldovia urges full 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 Capitol Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, on this 14th day of, January 2019.

ATTEST:

Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Bobbi Sweatt, Acting Mayor

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