

43 WHEREAS, The City of Homer recognizes the value of investing tax dollars into ports
44 and harbors in Alaska as a good investment that produces far reaching regional benefits to
45 the tax payers; and
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47 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Municipal Harbors Grant program vets good solid
48 projects though its application process that achieve these regional benefits and help
49 communities maintain this high value harbor infrastructure in perpetuity; and
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51 WHEREAS, Municipalities of the Aleutians East Borough, the City and Borough of Sitka,
52 the City of Seward, the City of Ketchikan, the City of Coffman Cove, and the Municipality of
53 Anchorage have offered to contribute over \$14,262,722 in local match funding for FY 2016
54 towards seven harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor
55 Facility Grant Program; and
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57 WHEREAS, Completion of these harbor facility projects is all dependent on the 50%
58 match from the State of Alaska's Harbor Facility Grant Program; and
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60 WHEREAS, During the last eight years the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has
61 only been fully funded twice, creating a backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace
62 these former State-owned harbors in excess of \$90,000,000.
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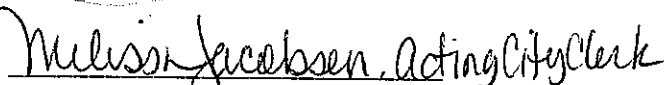
64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, by this
65 Resolution, urges full funding in the amount of \$14,262,722 by the Governor and the Alaska
66 Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2016
67 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among
68 Alaskan coastal communities.
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70 PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of Homer, Alaska this 8th day of December,
71 2014.
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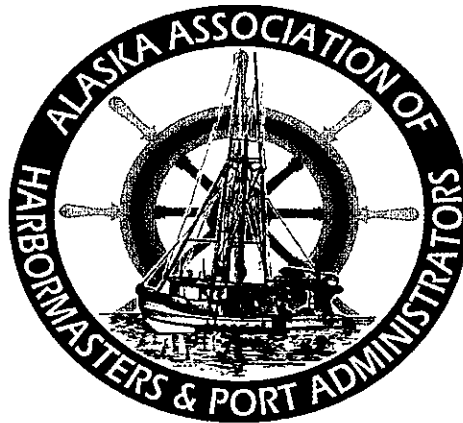
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76 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR
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81 JO JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK
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84 Fiscal Note: N/A



Senator XXXXXXX

Address

City, AK XXXXX

Attached are two resolutions of support unanimously approved by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) at our recent conference. The first resolution recommends full funding for the State of Alaska's Harbor Facility Grant Program. During the past 6 years this successful 50/50 grant program has helped more than 20 municipalities around Alaska upgrade or rebuild their harbors that were turned over to them by the State of Alaska in 2005-6. This year the municipalities of the Aleutians East Borough, the City and Borough of Sitka, the City of Seward, the City of Ketchikan, the City of Coffman Cove and the Municipality of Anchorage have offered to contribute \$14,262,722 in local match funding for FY 2016 towards seven harbor projects of significant importance locally and for Alaska. Your continued support of this program is critical for sustaining Alaska's maritime infrastructure.

The second resolution was submitted by Sitka Ports and Harbors and also received unanimous support from AAHPA members. Port and Harbor employees would be included in State of Alaska Statue AS 12.55.135 along with peace officers, fire fighters, correctional officers, etc. Harbormasters and their staffs from around the state shared stories of abuse, both verbal and physical endured over the past years. We would appreciate your support for both of these resolutions.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 907-766-2448, or pbenner@haines.ak.us or your local port/harbor representative.

Sincerely,

Phillip P. Benner

President

Alaska Association of Harbormaster's and Port Administrator's

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2016 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 nearly 30 years 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, 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, supported by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, to create the 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 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 municipalities of the Aleutians East Borough, the City and Borough of Sitka, the City of Seward, the City of Ketchikan, the City of Coffman Cove, and the Municipality of Anchorage have offered to contribute \$14,262,722 in local match funding for FY2016 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 eight years the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has only been fully funded twice; 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 that the Membership of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators urges full funding in the amount of \$14,262,722 by the Governor and the Alaska Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2016 State Capital Budget in order to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators on this 15th day of October, 2014.



Phillip Benner, President

ATTEST:

Kim Elliot

Kim Elliot, Executive Secretary