

**CITY OF CRAIG
RESOLUTION NO. 21-03**

SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HARBORMASTERS AND PORT ADMINISTRATORS IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING (\$14,049,988) FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2022 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, many 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 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; and

WHEREAS, some harbor facilities need capital improvements that are beyond the ability of the local community finance; 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 applicants to the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program, since state funds may be limited; and

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

WHEREAS, the local match ensures community commitment to harbor projects of significant importance locally as required in the Harbor Facility Grant Program; and

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

WHEREAS, during the last ten years the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators reports that the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program was fully funded only twice; and

WHEREAS, a survey done by the Alaska Municipal League of Alaska's ports and harbors found that from the respondents, the backlog of projects necessary to repair and replace former State-owned harbors has increased to at least \$500,000,000; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, municipal harbors have submitted \$58 million in capital project match requests, representing over \$116 million in shovel-ready capital projects that have received \$16.6 million in funding through the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program with zero funding in FY21.

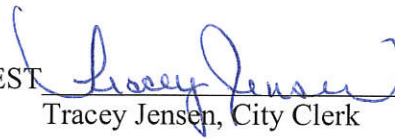
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Craig City Council urges full funding in the amount of \$14,049,988 for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2022 State Capital Budget to ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities.

APPROVED January 21, 2021.



Tim O'Connor, Mayor

ATTEST



Tracey Jensen, City Clerk

