

RESOLUTION 24-27

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY URGING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE HOMER HARBOR EXPANSION GENERAL INVESTIGATION STUDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$288,523

WHEREAS, Homer's Port & Harbor is a regional port, serving the needs of commercial vessels operating across southcentral and western Alaska, and the Arctic in the maritime industrial, marine transportation and commercial fishing industries and, over time, the increased demand for services provided by the Homer Port & Harbor has outgrown Homer harbor's ability to safely and efficiently serve this fleet; and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer ("City") has identified a new large vessel port expansion among its highest ranked priority capital improvement projects since 2004 to (1) meet the growing needs of our commercial fleet, (2) address overcrowding and associated navigational safety concerns and high maintenance costs, and (3) support emerging regional and national economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is the Borough's understanding that the Homer Harbor Expansion's General Investigation was successfully initiated in 2023 and during the investigation it was determined that additional work needed to be conducted during the General Investigation study phase with an additional cost of \$1,154,093; and

WHEREAS, the federal government will pay for \$577,046.50 and the City of Homer has committed \$288,000 of the local share and are requesting the additional \$288,523 from the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, since fishermen from the Aleutians East Borough region frequently use the Homer Harbor the Aleutians East Borough believes the expansion would be a benefit to them and urges the State to provide the \$288,523 to complete the General Investigation Study.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Aleutians East Borough Assembly urges the State of Alaska to provide additional matching funds for the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation Study in the amount of \$288,523.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Aleutians East Borough on this 8th day of February 2024.



Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

ATTEST:



Beverly Rosete, Clerk