

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of, January 2019.

ATTEST:

  
Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Bobbi Sweatt, Acting Mayor

