

Proposed by:	Administration
Attorney Review:	11/22/2016
Vote:	6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-29R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING (\$18,160,055) FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA MUNICIPAL HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2018 STATE CAPITAL BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway 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 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 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 the important responsibility even though they knew that these same harbor facilities were in poor condition at the time of transfer; 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 to create the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant program, AS 29.60.800; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway 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 have committed to invest 100-percent of the design and permitting costs and 50-percent of the construction cost; and

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

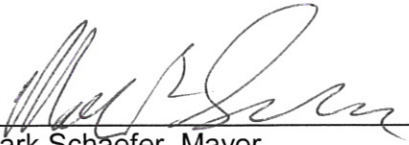
WHEREAS, during the last ten years the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program has been fully funded only twice; and

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;

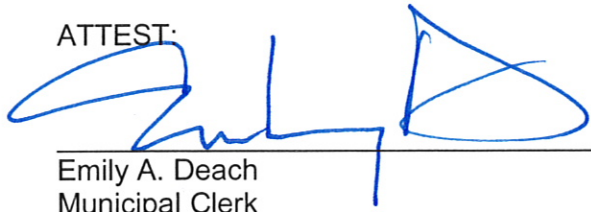
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway urges full funding in the amount of \$18,160,055 by the Governor and the Alaska Legislature for the State of Alaska's Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY 2018 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 Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 1st day of December, 2016.



Mark Schaefer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily A. Deach
Municipal Clerk

(SEAL)

