

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA TO SUPPORT
RAISING THE MAXIMUM AVAILABLE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION HARBOR FACILITY GRANT TO \$7,500,000 FOR ELIGIBLE
PROJECTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 291 established the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program on July 1, 2006, in which the total amount of grant money made available to a municipality was limited to not exceed \$5,000,000 in a fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, testimony from a legislator advocate stated “SB 291 would establish the municipal harbor facility grant fund to which the Legislature would make an annual appropriation from the watercraft fuel tax account and from the state portion of the fisheries business tax. Both sources come from the marine industry so harbor users would generate the revenue for the program”; and

WHEREAS, these harbor facilities continue to require substantial municipal financial investment to maintain and for capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, construction, shipping, and mobilization costs to remote portions of Alaska have outpaced the national consumer price index since the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI calculator indicates that \$5,000,000 in July 2006 when the Senate Bill 291 was enacted would be inflated to \$7,511,000 as of July 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City and Borough of Sitka respectfully urges the Governor and the Alaska Legislature to amend AS 29.60.800 raising the maximum Harbor Facility Grant Fund award to \$7,500,000 per eligible project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 28th day of November 2023.

Kevin Mosher, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading: 11/28/2023

Sponsor: Administrator