

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS) AUTHORIZING
THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR A REBUILDING AMERICAN
INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) 2021 GRANT WITH THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) FOR \$7,344,720 WITH A 20% MATCH
COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT WALL AND CRANE
AT THE MARINE SERVICES CENTER (MCS)**

WHEREAS, the working waterfront at MSC includes a port wall which is utilized as a berth for marine vessels including small cruise ships, freighters, and fishing boats that utilize the only public port wall to transfer goods, cargo, and passengers to/from vessels in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the port wall at MSC provides access to a public crane and a 21,000 square foot cold storage building that serves two major fish processors in transporting their product and numerous small business owners such as the frozen at sea and charter fleet; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Department of Fish and Game records show more than 500 vessel permits in 2021 participating in 65 different fisheries and almost 1,200 permits to various individuals and 2019 records show that 398 fishermen landed 27.7 million pounds with estimated gross earnings of \$41.33 million; and

WHEREAS, the fishing industry is an important component in this community and furthermore, the capability to have a working waterfront to move product and conduct business is essential; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 an engineering condition assessment was performed on the port wall that was built in 1976 at MSC and projected a remaining service life of 5 years; and

WHEREAS, the CBS proposes a \$9,180,900 project to replace the port wall and crane; and

WHEREAS, the USDOT announced a RAISE 2021 Grant opportunity and CBS is eligible for up to \$25 million per project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka to authorize the CBS Municipal Administrator to apply for a RAISE 2021 Grant with the U.S. Department of Transportation for \$7,344,720 with a 20% CBS match commitment of \$1,836,180 for a total project cost of \$9,180,900.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 22nd day of June 2021.

Thor Christianson, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 6/22/2021

Sponsor: Administrator