

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE LETTER TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORK FOR THE PORT OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, Mayor Dave Bronson of the Municipality of Anchorage has requested Mayor Sharon Scheidt sign a letter requesting funding for the Port of Alaska through the United States Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Mayors and Chamber of Commerce directors across the State of Alaska have already expressed support for Mayor Bronson's request for federal funding for the Port of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Alaska is the primary in-bound entry point for food, pharmaceuticals, refined petroleum, and supplies used by nearly eighty percent of the population of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Alaska is one of seventeen commercial ports in America specifically identified in the National Port Readiness Network, providing national security support for the major force deployment of Alaskan based military forces; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Alaska Modernization Program began in 2016 to expand capabilities to meet currently industry standards and to replace the aging infrastructure of the original dock area of the Port; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Alaska experiences extreme tidal activity and other environmental issues that have caused extensive corrosion and deteriorated the primary dock support poles; and

WHEREAS, the current engineering assessments indicate the Port of Alaska has severe damage to the wharf piles and replacement is necessary to avoid collapse of the dock area; and

WHEREAS, a catastrophic failure of the Port of Alaska would have a devastating impact the public health, safety and economy of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez maintains a Port that is critical to the economy of the state and the nation, and therefore uniquely understands the costly and critical needs of the Port of Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. The City of Valdez is supportive of the Municipality of Anchorage continuing to work cooperatively with both state and federal agencies towards

identification of necessary funds to complete numerous repairs needed at the Port of Anchorage and other Ports throughout the State of Alaska, and

Section 2. The Valdez City Council authorizes the Mayor Scheidt to sign the letter (Attachment A) to the Secretary of The United States Department of Transportation requesting funding for the Port of Alaska, in conjunction with Mayors and Chamber Directors across the State of Alaska,

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2021.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk