

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly calling for a special election as allowed by HBC 11.12.020(A) for the purpose of submitting to Haines Borough voters an advisory question pertaining to the Portage Cove Harbor Design.**

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough is about to award a contract for a value exceeding \$10 million for the first phase of a major expansion of its harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, the first phase represents a fraction – and likely less than half – of the total construction costs of the finished project; and

**WHEREAS**, funding sources have not been identified for all the remaining phases of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough Assembly has approved this project design on votes by margins of only 4-2, representing doubt among leaders and the public on whether the project's design is appropriate or affordable; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the public have questioned this project design for much of the past two years and continue to; and

**WHEREAS**, there are two pending citizen appeals to the Haines Borough Assembly of a land-use permit issued for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, Haines voters are typically asked to approve projects by approval of bonds to pay for said projects; and

**WHEREAS**, voter approval has not been required of this project by virtue of the fact that there is no local bonding required for the project's Phase 1; and

**WHEREAS**, Haines Borough voters and taxpayers will inherit the cost of operating, maintaining and replacing all phases of the harbor expansion, when completed; and

**WHEREAS**, Haines Borough voters deserve a say on whether to encumber themselves with additional financial obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, a vote of the people is the purest and most accurate way to measure what citizens want,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Haines Borough Assembly that the following advisory question shall be submitted to the voters at a special election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ to determine whether borough voters support the municipality's harbor expansion plan:

- 1) Should the Haines Borough proceed with its harbor expansion project as designed?
- 2) If you voted "no" to the above question, please identify the element or elements of this project you want reviewed or revised:

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- a) 600-foot steel breakwater
- b) 3.73-acre filled uplands and parking area
- c) expanded basin and additional moorage
- d) drive-down float
- e) double sportboat launch ramp

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Janice Hill, Mayor

Attest:

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Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk