

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting a Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant application for fiscal year 2024 for Letnikof Cove Harbor improvements and authorizing the Borough Manager to Contract with Alaska Municipal League for Grant Writing Support in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.**

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough is seeking a federal appropriation to replace the Letnikof Cove Harbor moorage float and improve the facility's uplands; and

**WHEREAS**, the Letnikof Cove Harbor facility ("Letnikof") was built in 1979 and consists of an uplands parking area, a single-lane launch ramp with boarding floats, and access to nearly 1,000 linear feet of transient moorage floats; and

**WHEREAS**, improvements were made to Letnikof in 2014, including replacing the gangway, replacing the gangway float, moving the moorage float to deeper water, replacing the anchor and anchor chains for the steel float, and replacing one section of wooden moorage floats (100 LF); and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the age and importance of Letnikof, the Borough began long-term planning in 2022 by appropriating funds for design work for both an expanded long-term parking lot (brought to bid-ready status in 2023) and for conceptual designs for the moorage float (bid-ready documents are expected by mid to late summer of 2024); and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost of improvements to Letnikof are \$3,500,000; and

**WHEREAS**, during the summer of 2023, stress cracks developed at critical points on the existing pipe moorage float rendering the float unsafe to use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Letnikof moorage facility must be closed until the float can be replaced; and

**WHEREAS**, Letnikof supports a wide range of boating needs for the Haines community, from supporting our local commercial fishing fleet, subsistence fishermen, pleasure boaters (US & Canadian), and tour operators throughout the busy summer season; and

**WHEREAS**, time is of the essence since keeping this harbor closed for any significant amount of time will have a serious negative impact on Haines; and

**WHEREAS**, Letnikof Cove Harbor was identified by the Haines Borough Assembly as an FY25 funding priority for the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provided \$2.25 billion for the PIDP program over five years (2022 – 2026) and \$450 million has been appropriated to the PIDP for FY2024 discretionary grants for eligible PIDP projects; and

**WHEREAS**, grants may cover 80 percent or more of project costs with no minimum and no maximum award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has contacted the Alaska Municipal League (AML) to provide grant writing assistance for the development of the PIDP grant; and

**WHEREAS**, AML has provided a proposal for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to provide conceptual options for replacing or refurbishing the Lutak Dock; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds are available from Harbor funds previously appropriated,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly supports a Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant application for fiscal year 2024 for Letnikof Cove Harbor improvements and authorizing the Manager to execute a contract with Alaska Municipal League for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to provide grant writing assistance for the grant application.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 27th day of February, 2024.



Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

Attest:

  
Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk