CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 02-12-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 184 RELATING TO THE SHARING OF TAX REVENUE FROM THE FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX AND FISHERY RESOURCE LANDING TAX WITH MUNICIPALITIES.

WHEREAS, the majority of the public boat harbors in Alaska were constructed by the State during the 1960's and 1970's, and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska in recent years has transferred ownership of most of these State owned harbors, many of which were at or near the end of their service life at the time of transfer, to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, local municipalities are in need of additional funding to repair and in many cases replace the former State owned harbors; and

WHEREAS, Cordova's harbors are in dire need now of repairs and maintenance and docks and floats continued to be battered by rough weather especially in the winter months; and

WHEREAS, these harbors represent critical transportation links and are the transportation hubs for waterfront commerce and economic development in Alaska, especially for communities directly supporting the commercial fishing industry, and

WHEREAS, under the current tax system, the State shares 50% of the revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax with the local municipalities where the fish are first landed and/or processed, and

WHEREAS, under provision of House Bill No. 184, the local municipalities' share of the revenues generated from the fisheries business tax and the fishery resource landing tax would increase to 75% with the intent that the additional revenue would help maintain and improve the harbor facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Cordova to use additional fisheries tax revenues for the maintenance and improvement of Cordova's harbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cordova City Council supports House Bill No. 184 and urges passage by the Alaska Legislature and signature by the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event the Alaska Legislature does not pass House Bill No. 184, the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska encourages the Legislature and the Governor to consider a major funding initiative towards improving harbors in small communities across the state of Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

CITY OF CORDOVA CORPORATE SEAL JULY 8, 1909 ALASKA

James Kallander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, City Clerk