

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Office of the Borough Mayor

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**FROM:** Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PAM*  
Lane Chesley, Assembly Member *(P/M.) for: LC*

**DATE:** April 18, 2023

**RE:** LAYDOWN Resolution 2023-34 Supporting the City of Homer's FY23 Port Infrastructure Grant Application for Port and Harbor Float Replacement (Mayor, Chesley)

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The City of Homer is applying for a FY23 Federal Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) grant from the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration to help replace Float Systems 1 and 4 in Homer Port & Harbor. This project, known as the Homer Port FREIGHT (Freight Resiliency & Efficiency – Improving Greater Homer-area Transportation) project will replace floats in the Homer Harbor that are in critical condition and well beyond their intended life expectancy.

According to available information, float failure would: increase hot berthing, rafting vessels and/or render vessels without a safe place to port; increase safety hazards and potential asset damage and losses; and, disrupt reliable, affordable means to move goods and people.

The Homer Harbor is critical marine transportation infrastructure that serves and facilitates vital regional economic activity. It is in the best interests of the Kenai Peninsula Borough to support the City of Homer's grant application for this project and encourage the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration to fully fund the grant request.

Your consideration is appreciated.