

Introduced by: Cooper, Mayor  
Date: 04/21/20  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 2020-031**

**A RESOLUTION URGING FULL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000 BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT IN ORDER TO FULLY FUND HOMER’S PORT EXPANSION GENERAL INVESTIGATION STUDY**

**WHEREAS,** Homer’s Port & Harbor is a regional port, serving the needs of commercial vessels operating across southcentral and, western Alaska, and the Arctic in the maritime industrial, marine transportation and commercial fishing industries and, overtime, the increased demand for services provided by the Homer Port & Harbor has outgrown Homer harbor’s ability to safely and efficiently serve this fleet; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Homer (“City”) has identified a new large vessel port expansion among its highest ranked priority capital improvement projects since 2004 to (1) meet the growing needs of our commercial fleet, (2) address overcrowding and associated navigational safety concerns and high maintenance costs, and (3) support emerging regional and national economic opportunities and resource development; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2019 the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”) completed a Planning Assistance for States (“PAS”) study that took a high level look at the costs and benefits of expanding the City’s port facility to include a large vessel port providing safe moorage for vessels up to 250’; and

**WHEREAS,** the results from that PAS study showed a positive economic cost to benefit ratio and the USACE, anticipating a positive Section 905(b) analysis and the development of a Project Management Plan, placed the Homer Port Expansion General Investigation Study (“General Investigation Study”) on their 2020 & 2021 regular work plan/budget to secure funds and resources for their share of that study; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost of the General Investigation Study for the Homer Port Expansion Project will be \$3,000,000, and will be completed by a shared partnership between the USACE, the State of Alaska, and the local municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** the General Investigation Study will cover all planning aspects needed to build a large vessel port at the Homer Spit including, but not limited to: design and engineering, economic factors, environmental, geophysical, construction methods and costs; and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of this resolution is to state the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly's support of the completion of a General Investigation Study for the Homer Port Expansion Project, and thereby take the next step in building a port expansion that will support emerging regional and national economic opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**


**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges full funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 by the Economic Development Administration Grant Program funded through the CARES Act in order to fully fund Homer's Port Expansion General Investigation Study in partnership with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Alaska and the local municipalities as the development of this public facility will help ensure enhanced safety and economic prosperity among Alaskan coastal communities

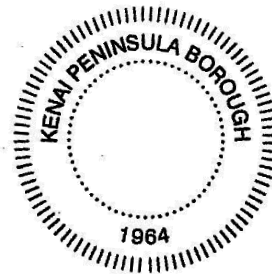
**SECTION 2.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its enactment and be forwarded to our state and federal representatives and senators.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2020.**

  
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Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, Cooper  
No: None  
Absent: None