

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 11-06R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SET-ASIDE FUNDING IN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION, CIVIL WORKS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is the central agency for the development of water-related infrastructure throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, The ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division includes Alaska, Hawaii and the Pacific Island Territories, all of which have economies highly dependent upon port infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Congress suspended use of congressionally directed spending and now only funds projects identified through a scoring system which favors urban ports; and


WHEREAS, the rural coastal communities of the Pacific Ocean Division do not have the population to compete with urban ports, yet are highly dependent on waterborne commerce; and

WHEREAS, there could be a mechanism within the Energy and Water appropriations bill to recognize the unique circumstances of coastal rural communities of the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division; and

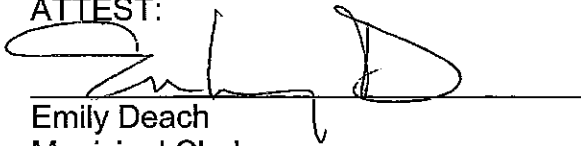
WHEREAS, projects in need of funding include breakwaters, wave barriers, dredging, mooring basins and flood/erosion control;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Skagway Borough Assembly encourages Congress to amend the FY2012 Energy and Water appropriations bill and the FY2013 President's Budget Request to include an annual \$50 million set-aside that the ACOE, Pacific Ocean Division can prioritize and spend on projects necessary to sustain water infrastructure in small coastal communities of the region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2011 by the Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska.


Thomas D. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily Deach
Municipal Clerk

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