

**Presented By:**  
Port Director  
**Action Taken:**  
Yes\_\_\_\_  
No\_\_\_\_  
Abstain\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-24-02-06**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NOME TO APPLY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE USDOT RAISE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FUNDING OF THE SNAKE RIVER MOORAGE FACILITY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) administers the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, which supports surface transportation projects necessary to facilitate direct intermodal, transfer or access into or out of a facility that will improve commodity movement throughout a region or freight network; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome owns the Port & Harbor, which serves as the regional maritime hub facility for over fifty (50) western Alaska communities, transshipping fuel, cargo and gravel throughout the region during the ice-free season, serving as the critical transportation network link that enables equipment, fuel, household goods, and basic life-sustaining necessities to be delivered to the regional rural network; and

**WHEREAS**, Nome’s Inner Harbor has experienced an escalation in vessel congestion in the last ten (10) years, which has created numerous vessel incidents and significant delays in the transshipment of goods and services across the region and caused vessel overcrowding that has impacted subsistence activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome identified the Snake River Moorage Facility as a priority projects in the Port of Nome Strategic Development Plan in an effort to increase shipping efficiencies deemed critical in the limited ice-free maritime window; and

**WHEREAS**, barge operators and the fishing industry have routinely demonstrated written project support in an effort to reduce risks of conflicts with smaller vessels that result in damage and potential crew injury, as well as exponentially increase shipping inefficiencies that cause delays in the delivery of equipment, materials and supplies that are on tight construction deadlines in the short ice-free season; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nome Common Council supports application to the USDOT RAISE Grant Program with a match of up to twenty (20%) for development of the Snake River Moorage Facility Project, and agrees, subject to selection by USDOT, to enter into a grant agreement with USDOT for a RAISE Discretionary Grant.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**JEREMY JACOBSON, Deputy Clerk**