

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

**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-25-01-07**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NOME TO APPLY FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE USDOT RAISE DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOCAL SERVICE FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PORT OF NOME MODIFICATION PROJECT FOR THE ARCTIC DEEP DRAFT PORT**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) administers the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) Grant Program, which supports investments in the planning and/or construction of surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact, with up to \$1.5B awarded to eligible capital projects, and 50%, or \$750M of which seeks to directly benefit rural areas, and those of persistent poverty, or historically disadvantaged communities; 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 these basic life-sustaining items to be delivered to the region's rural network, and the only publicly-owned coastal maritime infrastructure north of the Aleutians to refuel and resupply Arctic vessels whose numbers are climbing at a rapid rate; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) performed multiple Arctic port studies to determine the best site to serve as the first Arctic Deep Draft Port for the nation, identifying Nome as the most practical and cost-efficient site to further facilitate resource development, search and rescue response, protection of the marine environment, at a strategic Arctic location supporting crucial defense of the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, USACE's completion of the Nome Modifications Feasibility Study, produced a Signed Chief's Report submitted to the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress as part of the WRDA 2020 legislation, resulted in an authorized project through the FY2021 Omnibus Consolidations Appropriations Act, prompting completion of design of the City's LSF features by the City's engineering team in coordination with the USACE project group; and,

**WHEREAS**, as numerous inflationary events over the last 2 years has impacted project costs, requiring the City to seek federal funds to further leverage state matching funds on-hand; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Nome Common Council supports application to the USDOT RAISE Grant Program with a match of fifty (50) percent for construction of the Local Service Facilities associated with the Port of Nome Modification Project, known as the Arctic Deep Draft Port, and agrees, subject to selection by USDOT, to enter into an agreement with USDOT for a RAISE Discretionary Grant.

**APPROVED and SIGNED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

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**JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAN GRIMMER, Clerk**