

CITY OF SAXMAN

RESOLUTION # 04.2024.05

A **RESOLUTION** of the Council of the City of Saxman, Alaska supporting the Ketchikan Gateway Borough submitting a 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant and requesting the full funding amount for the Saxman Seaport Alaska Marine Highway System Ferry Dock and Terminal.

WHEREAS, the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) is a discretionary grant program administered by the United States Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD); and

WHEREAS, the funds for the PIDP are awarded on a competitive basis to projects that improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Saxman Seaport Ferry Dock and Terminal Project is to construct a new Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry terminal in Saxman; and

WHEREAS, the proposed AMHS facility provide additional ferry passenger and freight service between Metlakatla and the City of Saxman and the Borough, facilitate greater economic activity between the communities, and provide greater workforce availability for area communities; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the proposed AMHS facility would represent a significant economic development boost to the City of Saxman and the Borough and improve transportation options and resources for the City of Saxman and Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project builds upon private sector retail investment adjacent to the prospective project location; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is located within the City of Saxman, which is a designated rural area, and is therefore eligible for greater than an 80% cost share.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saxman supports the Ketchikan Gateway Borough submitting a PIDP grant application and requesting the full funding amount to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration for the Saxman Seaport Alaska Marine Highway System Ferry Dock and Terminal.

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Effective Date: This Resolution is effective upon adoption.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Saxman City Council this 17th day of April 2024.

Frank H. Seludo
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marissa Medford
City Administrator