



Presented by: Port Director Greydanus

Date: November 26, 1996

Action: Adopted

Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL

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RESOLUTION #96-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF THE MARINE FUEL TAX AS A CONTINUING FUNDING SOURCE FOR ALASKA'S STATE-OWNED PORTS AND HARBORS.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alaska have invested over \$500 million of public funds in port and harbor facilities; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's ports and harbors are deteriorating and have \$30,000,000 in deferred repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the State has a contractual obligation for major maintenance and replacement of port and harbor facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities needs a continuing funding source to sustain and develop Alaska's ports and harbors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska collects over \$7,000,000 annually in Marine Fuel Tax, yet appropriates nothing for major repair and replacement; and

WHEREAS, over 90% of all Alaskans live within ten miles of the coast or along major river systems; and

WHEREAS, the marine, fishing and fish processing industries are one of the largest employers in the State; and

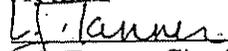
WHEREAS, the port and harbor system is a vital transportation link and gateway for resource development, construction and tourism.

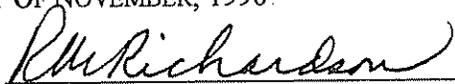
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council:

- a) supports the concept of allocating the \$0.05 marine fuel tax as a continuing funding source for Alaska's ports and harbors;
- b) recommends that funds so allocated be used by DOT&PF for the major maintenance, repair, and replacement of state-owned port and harbor facilities;
- c) recommends that the Marine Fuel Tax not be increased without an equal amount appropriated for marine facilities annually.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996.

ATTEST:


L.J. Tanner, City Clerk


Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor