

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 10-19-43**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF EYAK'S SHEPARD POINT OIL SPILL
RESPONSE FACILITY PROJECT IN ATTAINING MILITARY ASSISTANCE VIA THE
INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the devastating effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill still resonate in the community; there are lingering effects on the economy and environment of the City of Cordova and of the Prince William Sound region; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Eyak is working toward implementing the Shepard Point Oil Spill Response Facility to provide enhanced oil spill response capabilities for Cordova and Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, increasing the capacity for oil spill response equipment stored in Cordova, providing dedicated staging areas and dock space, providing deep-draft capability for oil spill response vessels of opportunity, and reducing critical response time by shortening the distance of resupply to potential spill sites would all be enhancements to the existing oil spill response system currently in place in Cordova; and

WHEREAS, Cordova's local economy is such that the majority of residents have some connection to the commercial or sport fishing industries and therefore, enhanced oil spill response capabilities would serve the City of Cordova by protecting citizens' livelihoods and the ecosystems they depend on from future oil spills; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project also enables the Native Village of Eyak the means to protect the culture and way of life that has been previously threatened by the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the corresponding environmental impacts that ensued after the spill; and

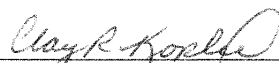
WHEREAS, the City economy would benefit from the construction of and then subsequent operation and maintenance of the Shepard Point Oil Spill Response Facility and access road based on the short-term and long-term job opportunities it would make available to businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, an ancillary benefit to the Shepard Point Oil Spill Response Facility access road would be the dependable access it would afford Cordova Electric Cooperative to their Humpback Creek Hydroelectric Facility which could in turn reduce the energy costs for Cordova's businesses and residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, hereby supports the Native Village of Eyak's Shepard Point Oil Spill Response Facility Project and encourages military support via the Innovative Readiness Training program.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2019





Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk