

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION CY26-06**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS IN SUPPORT OF HB321, REDESIGNATING  
THE DUDE CREEK CRITICAL HABITAT AREA AS A STATE WILDLIFE REFUGE WITH  
EXPANDED BOUNDARIES**

**WHEREAS**, the community of Gustavus has long supported the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area since its establishment in 1988, to wit: City of Gustavus Resolutions No. 2010-18, CY15-33, CY16-14, and CY18-11; and,

**WHEREAS**, In 2004, The Nature Conservancy purchased several tracts of land of great conservation value from the Alaska Mental Health Trust, two of which were Tracts A and B of Gustavus Flats, Trust Land Survey No. 26 2004-01, located within Township 40 South, Range 58 East, Copper River 27 Meridian, containing 1,279.09 acres, more or less; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tracts A and B were conveyed to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources under an agreement that they would be included in the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Tract A and B lands represent superb wildlife habitat consistent with that of the original Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area, and worthy of management as a critical habitat area or a State wildlife refuge; and,

**WHEREAS**, HB321 would redesignate the Dude Creek CHA as the Dude Creek Wildlife Refuge with expanded boundaries incorporating Tracts A and B of the Gustavus Flats.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gustavus City Council supports inclusion of Tracts A and B in a redesignated Dude Creek Wildlife Refuge, and recommends passage of HB321 to those ends.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 13th day of April 2026, and effective upon adoption.

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Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

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Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk