

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY25-23**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS CELEBRATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE**

WHEREAS, 2025 is the year of the 250th Anniversary of the creation of the United States Post Office, the predecessor of the modern Postal Service, one year earlier than the founding of the country itself, and later enshrined in the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service has played a significant role in the historical development of the country from the establishment of roads, railways, and airlines, and a vital part of the fabric binding together the people of the country; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Service Obligation which enables the population to receive equal and affordable services no matter who we are or where we live is a democratic right of the people; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) serves 169 million addresses; and,

WHEREAS, the USPS does not receive taxpayer money but rather runs on its own revenue created by postage and postal products; and,

WHEREAS, due to its public mission, the Postal Service is the low-cost anchor of the \$1.3 trillion dollar mailing and package industry which supports 7 million good, union, living-wage jobs across the country with fair hiring practices and equal pay for equal work for workers from all walks of life, and is one of the largest employers of Veterans; and,

WHEREAS, any effort to privatize the USPS, in whole or in part, would undermine the very public mission of the Postal Service, the Universal service mandate and the dedicated work of hundreds of thousands of public servants; and,

WHEREAS, while communication habits are always changing, the USPS remains a vital source of communications, the exchange of ideas, financial transactions, private and secure correspondence, mail-order medications, mail-in voting and e-commerce packages, services that are especially relied upon in rural Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is owned by the people and is a wonderful national treasure encapsulating the best of government "of, by and for the people";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council goes on record in support of the public mission of the USPS contained in the 1-970 Postal Reorganization Act which says; "The United States Postal Service shall be operated as a basic and fundamental service provided to the people by the Government of the United States, authorized by the

Constitution, created by an Act of Congress and supported by the people. The Postal Service shall have as its basic function the obligation to bind the Nation together..."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council appreciates the role of the U.S. Postal Service on its 250th Anniversary, salutes the hard-working postal workers nationwide, and celebrates our local Gustavus Post Office employees who cheerfully serve the people and the business community, and supports a robust and thriving public Postal Service for generations to come!

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XXth day of _____, 20XX, and effective upon adoption.

Sally A McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Liesl M Barker, City Clerk