

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION CY24-13**

**A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE LBC STAFF REPORT AND  
RECOMMENDING REJECTION OF THE XUNAA BOROUGH INCORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, on February 20, 2024, the Gustavus City Council passed Resolution CY24-05 disputing the qualifications of the petition submitted by the City Of Hoonah for incorporation of the Xunaa Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gustavus urged the Local Boundary Commission to find that the Xunaa Borough petition failed to meet the standards for incorporation and to meet the best interests of the State, its political subdivisions and residents in the communities proposed for annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2024 the Local Boundary Commission (LBC) issued its Preliminary Report regarding the proposal to incorporate the Xunaa Borough, recommending rejection of the petition in its current form due to the failure to meet LBC's constitutional, statutory, and regulatory requirements for borough incorporation; and

**WHEREAS**, the report states the petition only meets a minority of the LBC standards; trades one local government for another; and diminishes the benefit to the State from borough formation due to the minimal assumption of responsibility for services currently being delivered by the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the reports notes that the exclusion of the three neighboring municipalities of Gustavus, Pelican, and Tenakee Springs, effectively creates new enclaves within the unorganized borough, limits the ability of the excluded communities to determine a future regional government of their own, and the exclusion of a significant population does not meet the best interests of the state standard, and does not meet the maximum local self-government standard.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Gustavus believes that the failure to involve the municipalities in the region in the design of a true regional government renders the proposal fatally flawed, and that no adjustment of boundaries, population, or services can cure the defects of a borough designed to benefit a single municipality.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Gustavus supports the findings of the staff report and urges the LBC to reject the borough petition in its entirety.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XX day of June, 2024, and effective upon adoption.

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Shelley K. Owens, Mayor

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Attest: Liesl M Barker, City Clerk