

Presented by: The Manager
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 3013

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Supporting the
Homeporting of a U.S. Coast Guard Icebreaker in Juneau.**

WHEREAS, the United States of America is an Arctic Nation solely because of the
Great State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Congressional Delegation, led by Senator Dan Sullivan, has
recognized the alarming paucity of US-flagged icebreakers, and has worked for years to close
this troubling Arctic operational capability gap by homeporting US Coast Guard assets in the
49th State; and

WHEREAS, Policy 5.3 of the Comprehensive Plan of the City & Borough of Juneau calls
for the City & Borough, “to work cooperatively with federal agencies to ensure that existing
jobs stay in Juneau, and that agencies have access to the facilities and infrastructure required
to support their mission in Juneau”; and

WHEREAS, Juneau has demonstrated and proven its ability and commitment to support
the Coast Guard, and, in particular has been proud to have served as the homeport for the
USCGC STORIS, USCGC PLANETREE, USCGC CAPE CARTER, USCGC LIBERTY, and
now the USCGC REEF SHARK; and

WHEREAS, Juneau as a maritime community is optimally situated in Southeast Alaska
on Tlingit indigenous lands with reliable transportation modes; home to a regional hub for
healthcare and home to the University of Alaska Southeast campus; Juneau has ample well-
paying job opportunities; strong culture in the arts & humanities, and scores of outdoor
recreation opportunities leading to a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Alaska’s Capital city is the host community for 300 Coast Guard personnel
including the Coast Guard District 17 Commander as well as other federal agencies, which
would be synergistic to the needs of an Alaskan-based icebreaker.

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43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF
44 JUNEAU, ALASKA:

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46 **Section 1. Icebreaker Homeporting in Juneau.** The City and Borough of
47 Juneau Assembly welcomes the opportunity to support the US Coast Guard and the Alaska
48 Congressional Delegation's goal of expanding Arctic operational capabilities by homeporting
49 an icebreaker in Juneau.

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51 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after
52 its adoption.

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54 Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.
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58 Attest:

Carole Triem, Acting Mayor

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62 Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk