



## **RESOLUTION 30xx**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF JUNEAU SUPPORTING THE HOMEPORTING OF A COAST GUARD ICEBREAKER IN JUNEAU.**

**Whereas**, the United States of America is an Arctic Nation, if not for Alaska; and

**Whereas**, the Alaska Congressional Delegation led by Senator Sullivan has recognized the dearth of US flagged icebreakers and has proposed to close this Arctic operational capability gap by homeporting US Coast Guard assets to the 49<sup>th</sup> State; and

**Whereas**, Policy 5.3 of the Comprehensive Plan of the City & Borough of Juneau calls “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 a demonstratively proven legacy support to the Coast Guard, and, in particular, proud to have provided a homeport to the USCG Cutter 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; ample well-paying job opportunities; strong culture in the arts & humanities, and scores of outdoor recreation 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<sup>th</sup> Commander as well as other federal agencies which would be synergistic to the needs of an Alaskan-based icebreaker.

~~**Whereas**, the City and Borough of Juneau has the capacity to meet the future business and amenities needs to support a larger Coast Guard footprint; and~~

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly welcomes the opportunity to support the US Coast Guard and the Alaska Congressional Delegation goal to expand Arctic capabilities by homeporting an icebreaker in Juneau.

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Beth Weldon, Mayor

ATTEST:

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