

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2025-051**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 229, “AN ACT EXEMPTING THE STATE FROM
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME”**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska currently observes Daylight Saving Time (DST) under federal law (15 U.S.C. 260a), advancing clocks one hour each spring and reverting in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Alaska’s high-latitude daylight patterns make DST functionally unnecessary and often disruptive, offering little to no benefit to residents, schools, public safety systems, transportation schedules, or local governments; and

WHEREAS, communities across Alaska—including Whittier—experience measurable operational and public health impacts from the biannual clock change, including increased fatigue, workplace errors, and reduced sleep quality; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the biannual shift would simplify scheduling for municipal operations, emergency response, ferry and aviation coordination, and other time-dependent functions; and

WHEREAS, HB 229 proposes to exempt Alaska from the observation of DST and directs the state to remain on standard time year-round, with an effective date of November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier supports efforts that enhance predictability, improve community well-being, and reduce administrative and operational burdens on residents and local government alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, supports House Bill 229 and urges the Alaska State Legislature to adopt this legislation.

Section 2. The City Manager is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the City’s State lobbying firm, the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the members of the House and Senate representing Whittier.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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48 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council
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Victor Shen
Mayor

56 AYES:
57 NOES:
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Shelby Carlson
City Clerk

(City Seal)