

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2026-039**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING UP TO \$150,000 IN CITY IN-KIND SUPPORT AND A \$100,000 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NONPROFIT USS TED STEVENS COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT COMMISSIONING EVENTS, THE SHIP'S CREW AND THEIR FAMILIES, PUBLIC SAFETY, COMMUNITY READINESS, AND COMMUNITYWIDE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMISSIONING, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whittier has been selected to host the commissioning of the future USS Ted Stevens, and the Whittier City Council recognizes the extraordinary honor and responsibility of serving as the host community for this historic event; and

**WHEREAS**, the commissioning will formally welcome the vessel, her officers, and her crew into active service and will provide an opportunity for the City, the State of Alaska, and the broader community to honor military service, public service, and the families who support those who serve; and

**WHEREAS**, Whittier's role as the host city is especially meaningful because the community's history, waterfront setting, and tradition of service make it an appropriate location for a commissioning that will bring together military personnel, families, veterans, dignitaries, residents, businesses, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, commissioning activities will extend beyond the formal ceremony and are expected to include events, hospitality, logistics, public safety support, transportation coordination, community engagement, and other activities throughout Whittier; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that a successful commissioning requires coordinated participation among the Commissioning Committee, the City, public safety personnel, local businesses, community partners, volunteers, and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the nonprofit USS Ted Stevens Commissioning Committee has been established to plan, coordinate, and support commissioning-related activities and to assist in welcoming the ship's crew, their families, invited guests, and the public to Whittier; and

**WHEREAS**, City support for the commissioning will help provide for community readiness, safe and orderly public access, visitor services, municipal coordination, and activities that allow Whittier residents and businesses to participate in this communitywide occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that supporting the commissioning serves a public purpose by promoting public safety, supporting municipal operations, encouraging community participation, welcoming military families and visitors, and highlighting Whittier's role as the host community; and

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50       **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires that Whittier's participation reflect the significance  
51 of the commissioning and ensure that the community is prepared to welcome the crew, their  
52 families, veterans, Navy representatives, dignitaries, residents, businesses, and visitors during  
53 commissioning week; and

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55       **WHEREAS**, the City Council further desires to support events and activities that honor  
56 service, strengthen civic pride, and allow Whittier to serve as a welcoming and capable host for  
57 this historic commissioning.

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59       **WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to demonstrate through its participation that Whittier  
60 recognizes the extraordinary honor of being selected to host this commissioning and welcomes the  
61 USS Ted Stevens, her crew, their families, and all those who will come to Whittier for this historic  
62 occasion.

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65       **NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:**

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67       **Section 1. Authorization of City In-Kind Support.** The Whittier City Council authorizes  
68 up to \$150,000 in City in-kind support to the nonprofit USS Ted Stevens Commissioning  
69 Committee in support of the commissioning, the ship's crew and their families, public safety,  
70 communitywide activities, and commissioning-week needs.

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72       **Section 2. Section 2. Authorization of Financial Contribution.** The Whittier City  
73 Council authorizes a \$100,000 financial contribution to the nonprofit USS Ted Stevens  
74 Commissioning Committee in support of the commissioning and associated commissioning-week  
75 activities and hereby appropriates that amount from the General Fund Reserve Account No. 01-  
76 000-3000 to the Community Support Account No. 01-401-6240.

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78       **Section 3. Contribution Agreement.** The City Manager is authorized to enter into an  
79 agreement with the nonprofit USS Ted Stevens Commissioning Committee establishing the terms  
80 of the City's contribution, including appropriate accountability, documentation, and reporting  
81 requirements.

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83       **Section 4. City Manager Authorization.** The City Manager is authorized to take all  
84 actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution and coordinate the City's participation  
85 in commissioning activities.

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87       **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon  
88 adoption.

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91       **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council  
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105 **ATTEST:**

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109 **Shelby Carlson**

110 Acting City Clerk

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**Victor Shen**

Mayor

(City Seal)