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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 4052

A Resolution Supporting the Homeporting of Two Major United States Coast Guard Cutters, Including the CGC STORIS, in Juneau, and Affirming the Community's Commitment to Supporting Coast Guard Personnel and Their Dependents.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau was officially designated as a United States Coast Guard City in April 2025, a title that reflects our deep-rooted pride, historical partnership, and enduring appreciation for the sea services; and

WHEREAS, the Navy League - Juneau Council officially stood up in February 2024 to champion the arrival of the CGC STORIS and to provide unwavering community, social, and moral support for all Coast Guard personnel stationed in our capital city; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard is broadly assessing environmental impacts to address expanding Arctic mission demands and vital polar icebreaker fleet capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Commandant formally announced in July 2024 to homeport the CGC STORIS (WAGB-21) 360-foot medium polar icebreaker in Juneau, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Congressional funding provided in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act in 2025 enables the Coast Guard to construct critical shore homeporting infrastructure and Arctic Security Cutters (ASC); and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard's existing Juneau waterfront wharf, originally constructed circa 1942, has been deemed completely unsafe and deteriorated by structural engineers, making total replacement necessary to accommodate modern vessels; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard's Environmental Assessment evaluates multiple design concepts, highlighting the *New Wharf and Finger Pier* as the Preferred Alternative, which builds an up to 560-foot-long pier to deliver navigational safety, vital utility upgrades, and providing an option in which Juneau is a strong candidate to homeport a second major vessel alongside the *Finger Pier*; and

WHEREAS, at the Coast Guard Information Sharing Session in May 2026, it was disclosed that the Coast Guard is considering homeporting up to two major cutters in Juneau following the shoreside improvements; and

WHEREAS, the arrival of both cutters will bring an estimated 214 active-duty personnel (120 for STORIS and 94 for the ASC) along with approximately 424 dependents, weaving new families into our schools, neighborhoods, and economy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Full Support for Two Cutters. The Assembly strongly supports and encourages the United States Coast Guard to homeport two major cutters in Juneau: the CGC STORIS and a future Arctic Security Cutter.

Section 2. Endorsement of Preferred Alternative. The Assembly formally endorses the New Wharf and Finger Pier (Preferred Alternative) design concept. This option provides the best safety margins for shared harbor traffic and updates vital public utilities.

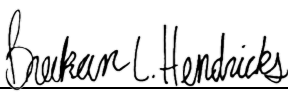
Section 3. Commitment to Families. As a proud Coast Guard City, Juneau pledges to actively collaborate with federal agencies, the local Navy League, and regional partners to ensure exceptional housing, schooling, and community support for incoming service members and their families.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 18 day of June, 2026.


Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:


Breckan L. Hendricks, Municipal Clerk