

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

Serial No. 2818

A Resolution Urging the United States Coast Guard and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to Assign Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutters to Facilities within the City and Borough of Juneau.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau has proudly supported the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard for decades and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter LIBERTY, a 110 foot patrol boat moored at Don D. Statter Harbor in Auke Bay since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau maritime community appreciates and is grateful for the security, enforcement, and emergency response, which is provided by properly equipped local Coast Guard units; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is committed to economic growth, recognizing the potential in sustainable waterfront development and the opportunities of well-planned ports, harbors, and associated uplands; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter LIBERTY is at the end of its service life and is scheduled for decommission in the near future in Fiscal Year 2023 and the loss of this national asset, including the 17 officers and crew, will have a profound negative effect to the local community; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard is acquiring new 154 foot Sentinel-class fast response cutters to replace the decommissioned patrol boats which are capable of deploying independently to conduct missions that include port, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Coast Guard has indicated the need to collocate homeporting of the Sentinel-class fast response cutters, with 24 officers and crew, in clusters of two or more vessels to leverage additional shore-side Coast Guard maintenance and technical service support; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is optimally situated in Northern Southeast Alaska for maritime operations, is the logistical hub for the Alaska Panhandle and has the capacity to meet the future business and amenities needs to support a larger Coast Guard footprint; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau welcomes the opportunity to partner with the U.S. Coast Guard to identify land suitable for governmental housing in support of operational needs; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough is developing conceptual plans at the Auke Bay Marine Station to meet the growing maritime needs of the community, including the buildout for the homeporting needs of federal, state and University of Alaska vessels.

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

Section 1. That the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly urges the U.S. Coast Guard and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to assign the appropriate number of Sentinel-class fast response cutters to facilities within the City and Borough of Juneau to support port, waterways and coastal security; fishery patrols; search and rescue; and national defense requirements.

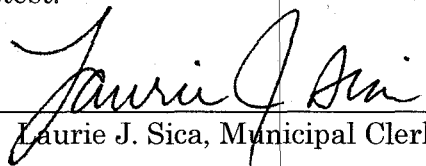
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2018.



Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:



Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk