

## CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

### RESOLUTION No. 02-26-2028

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, SUPPORTING SENATOR DAN SULLIVAN'S EFFORTS TO EXPAND ALASKA SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY AND EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR A LARGE-VESSEL SHIPYARD AND UNITED STATES COAST GUARD HOMEPORTING IN WRANGELL, ALASKA

**WHEREAS**, the City and Borough of Wrangell ("Borough") has identified maritime infrastructure, shipbuilding, and vessel repair as critical components of its long-term economic development strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska currently lacks sufficient large-vessel shipbuilding, maintenance, and repair capacity to meet the growing needs of commercial, state, and federal maritime operators; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Dan Sullivan has been a leading advocate for expanding Alaska's maritime industrial base, strengthening national security, and ensuring the State is positioned to support United States Coast Guard and Department of Defense operations in the Arctic and Pacific regions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with JAG Marine Group and is actively advancing plans for the development of a state-of-the-art large-vessel shipyard at its deepwater port site; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and its partners have initiated a 30% design, cost estimate, and feasibility study to position Wrangell as a competitive candidate for significant State and Federal investment in shipbuilding and marine industrial infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Wrangell's strategic location, deepwater port, available industrial lands, and proximity to major maritime routes make it uniquely suited to support expanded shipbuilding, repair, and maintenance operations in Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of a large-vessel shipyard in Wrangell would complement, not compete with, existing shipyard facilities in Alaska, including the Ketchikan Shipyard, and would expand the State's overall capacity to capture maritime industrial work; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard continues to expand its Arctic presence, including the development and deployment of Polar Security Cutters and other assets that will require long-term homeporting, maintenance, and support infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Wrangell has been designated a "Coast Guard City" and is committed to supporting the mission, personnel, and infrastructure needs of the United States Coast Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, homeporting Coast Guard assets in Wrangell would provide significant economic, workforce, and national security benefits to the region, the State of Alaska, and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly finds that supporting federal and state efforts to expand maritime infrastructure and advocating for investment in Wrangell is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Assembly hereby expresses its strong support for Senator Dan Sullivan’s efforts to expand Alaska’s shipbuilding and marine industrial capacity and to secure federal investment in maritime infrastructure across the State.

**Section 2.** The Assembly strongly supports the development of a large-vessel shipyard at the City and Borough of Wrangell’s deepwater port site and affirms its commitment to advancing this project in partnership with JAG Marine Group, State agencies, and federal partners.

**Section 3.** The Assembly formally expresses its support for the United States Coast Guard to consider Wrangell, Alaska, as a preferred location for the homeporting of future Coast Guard assets, including but not limited to Polar Security Cutters and other Arctic-capable vessels.

**Section 4.** The Assembly encourages continued coordination and investment by federal and state agencies to support maritime infrastructure development in Wrangell and throughout Alaska, recognizing the strategic importance of the region to national security and economic resilience.

**Section 5.** The Borough Manager is authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Dan Sullivan, Alaska’s congressional delegation, the United States Coast Guard, the Department of Defense, the Alaska Governor’s Office, and other relevant stakeholders.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF February 2026.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

*Patricia Gilbert*

Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

*Kim Lane*  
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

