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**State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development**

Certificate of Incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell

By the power and duty vested in me under the laws of the State of Alaska,¹ I, Emil Notti, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, hereby certify that on May 30, 2008,² the City and Borough of Wrangell, a unified home-rule borough was duly incorporated. I certify further that upon incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell, the City of Wrangell was dissolved and the City and Borough of Wrangell immediately succeeded to all rights, powers, duties, assets, and liabilities of the former City of Wrangell.³

¹ The provisions of 3 AAC 110.630(d) state, "When the requirements in [3 AAC 110.630(a)] have been met, the department shall issue a certificate describing the effective change." In relevant part, 3 AAC 110.630(a) states, "[A] final decision of the commission is effective when (1) notification of compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1973c (Voting Rights Act of 1965) is received from the United States Department of Justice [and] (2) certification of the legally required voter approval of the commission's final decision is received from the director of elections . . ."

² The Local Boundary Commission's final decision granting the Petition for Incorporation of a City and Borough of Wrangell is dated December 17, 2007. Notification of compliance with 42 U.S.C. 1973c in this matter was received by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development on May 5, 2008 (Department of Justice file numbers DJ 166-012-3-2008-0573; -1667; -1668; -1669). On May 30, 2008, the Director of the State Division of Elections certified that voters in the proposed Wrangell borough had approved the proposition to incorporate the Wrangell borough by a margin of 439 to 247. The effective date of the concurrent incorporation of the Wrangell borough and dissolution of City of Wrangell is May 30, 2008.

³ Incorporation of a Wrangell borough and dissolution of the City of Wrangell is authorized and governed by the petition granted by the Local Boundary Commission and approved by the voters, AS 29.06.450(c), and 29.06.520. The Commission granted the proposal for dissolution of the City of Wrangell under the provisions of AS 29.06.450(c), subject to and concurrent with incorporation of a Wrangell borough. Voters approved the proposition to incorporate the Wrangell borough that assumed all of the City of Wrangell's powers on an areawide basis. AS 29.06.450(c) provides that a city is dissolved when all its powers become areawide borough powers. AS 29.06.520 provides, "A municipality succeeding to a dissolved municipality succeeds to all rights, powers, duties, assets, and liabilities of the dissolved municipality."



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The corporate boundaries of the City and Borough of Wrangell are described as follows:

The City and Borough of Wrangell boundaries are coterminous with the Wrangell Ranger District boundaries established by the United States Forest Service, as depicted in the Tongass National Forest Secondary Base Map Series on Sheet Nos. 18 (1982), 19 (1982), 21 (1980), 22 (1980), 23 (1983), 24 (1983), 26 (1980), and 27 (1980), except that

1) the northern boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell shall commence from a point beginning at the western boundary of the Wrangell District at a point designated as $56^{\circ} 43' 17''$ North, $132^{\circ} 34' 21''$ West (NAD 27), thence proceeding in a generally southeasterly direction to the westernmost point of land in Section 31, Township 59 South, Range 82 East, thence proceeding in a generally northeasterly direction along the watershed divide between LeConte Bay and the Stikine River including Wilkes Peak, to the international boundary between Canada and the United States; and further excepting that

2) the southern boundary of the City and Borough of Wrangell shall, at a point designated as $55^{\circ} 53' 46''$ North, $131^{\circ} 57' 51''$ West (NAD 27), located in Section 8, Township 69 South, Range 88 East, proceed in a generally southwesterly direction along the north-south drainage boundary, coterminous with the northern boundaries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough (as described in the "Certificate of Boundaries - Ketchikan Gateway Borough" issued by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, on May 30, 2008⁴) for approximately 35 miles, intersecting Clarence Strait at a point designated as $55^{\circ} 38' 5''$ North, $132^{\circ} 11' 50''$ West (NAD 27), located in Section 10, Township 72 South, Range 86 East;

thence proceeding in a generally northwesterly direction into and up Clarence Strait to the point of intersection with the Wrangell Ranger District boundaries, the point of beginning. All with reference to the Copper River Meridian.

The City and Borough of Wrangell encompasses approximately 3,465 square miles, all within the First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

⁴The Local Boundary Commission approved annexation of approximately 4,510 square miles to the Ketchikan Gateway Borough on November 7, 2007, and issued its decision on December 5, 2007. The Legislature did not disapprove the annexation during the 45-day period for legislative review ending March 9, 2008. The Commission received a letter preclearing the annexation from the U. S. Department of Justice on May 19, 2008. In accordance with 3 AAC 110.630(a), the effective date of the annexation is May 19, 2008.



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Signed this 30th day of May, 2008.

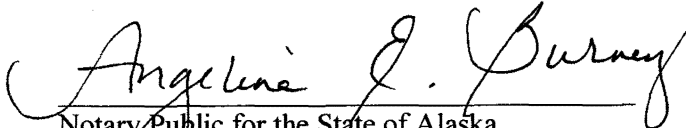

Emil Notti, Commissioner
Department of Commerce, Community, and
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STATE OF ALASKA)
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*Michael Black
for Emil
Notti*

This is to certify that on the 30th day of May, 2008, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn as such, personally came ~~Emil Notti~~, to me known to be the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, who signed the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation of the City and Borough of Wrangell.


Notary Public for the State of Alaska
My commission expires: March 6, 2010



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