



CITY OF ANGOON

RESOLUTION NO. 24-03

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ANNEXATION OF ADMIRALTY LAND BY THE CITY OF HOONAH.

WHEREAS: in 1978 President Jimmy Carter established the Admiralty Island National Monument in Proclamation 4611 because of its "superlative combination of scientific and historic objects;" and

WHEREAS: the Presidential Proclamation acknowledged that "Admiralty Island has been continuously inhabited by Tlingit Indians of Angoon for approximately 10,000 years ... and the cultural history of the Tlingit Indians is rich in ceremony and creative arts and complex in its social, legal and political systems;" and

WHEREAS: in Congress ratified the 1978 Presidential Proclamation and directed that "subject to valid existing rights ... the Secretary of Agriculture was to manage the Admiralty Island National Monument to protect objects of ecological, cultural, geological, historical, prehistorical, and scientific interests;" and

WHEREAS: the City of Angoon is the only permanent settlement on Admiralty Island, located on the southwest coast at Kootznahoo Inlet. Angoon is 55 miles southwest of Juneau; and

WHEREAS: the City of Hoonah is attempting to create a borough that includes portions of Chatham Strait and Northern Admiralty, and the rest of Admiralty Island and the waterways around Admiralty Island, is a sacred place to the people of Angoon; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the City of Angoon and its duly appointed City Council urgently requests that The Local Boundary Commission leave out Admiralty Island off the City of Hoonah’s Borough application.

ADOPTED, this 6th day of March 2024, by the City Council of Angoon by a vote of

6 Yeas, 0 Nays 1 - Excused

CERTIFIED Peter Duncan

MAYOR, Peter Duncan

ATTEST Kara James

CITY CLERK, Kara James



