

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS
RESOLUTION CY18-11**

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS IN SUPPORT OF SB61 AND HB130
BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR THE DUDE CREEK CRITICAL HABITAT AREA**

WHEREAS, the community of Gustavus has long sought to protect the Dude Creek wetlands and adjacent beach and uplands for their value to wildlife and other traditional uses, and

WHEREAS, the State legislature, in response to a community initiative, established the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area (CHA) in 1988, and

WHEREAS, the objectives, as set out in the legislation and accompanying intent language, were to protect sandhill cranes and other wildlife habitat in the CHA while allowing traditional uses to the degree not in conflict with crane and other wildlife habitat protection, and,

WHEREAS, The City of Gustavus has supported and encouraged the development of a Dude Creek CHA management plan by Alaska Department of Fish and Game to ensure long-term protection of the resources in the CHA while providing for appropriate public use of the CHA, and,

WHEREAS, Governor Walker has submitted SB 61 and HB130 providing for changes to boundaries of various State critical habitat areas, and

WHEREAS, SB 61 and HB 130 provide for boundary changes to the Dude Creek CHA in Gustavus, as shown on the attached maps, to add beach and uplands purchased by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) from the Alaska Mental Health Trust and donated back to the State of Alaska for addition to the adjacent Dude Creek CHA, and

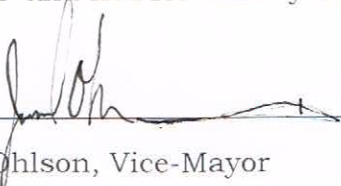
WHEREAS, the proposed additional lands are of similar character and value for wildlife and the public as the lands within the original CHA boundaries, and,

WHEREAS, the bills will enable ADF&G to extend the Dude Creek CHA Management Plan provisions for resource protection and public use to the additional lands, and


WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus is currently working with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to provide for joint management of Gustavus Beach lands to the east of the CHA,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the City of Gustavus supports and encourages passage of the portions of SB61 and HB130 that provide for the addition of TNC-purchased and donated land to the Dude Creek CHA.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 12th day of February, 2018.



Jacob Ohlson, Vice-Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt, City Clerk