

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY22-12**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS OPPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION**

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement of the City of Gustavus, Alaska, supports the strength and autonomy of local self-government; and,

WHEREAS, Article X of the Alaska Constitution provides for maximum local self-government, and contains numerous provisions providing for the enhancement of local self-government; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution, which took effect with Statehood in 1959, has served its citizens well during the past 63 years as one of the strongest constitutions in the nation, and is renowned as a model for its thoroughness, protection of individual liberties, and functionality; and,

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Sec. 3 requires that the question of whether to convene a constitutional convention be placed on the ballot of a general election every ten years; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska voters overwhelmingly rejected the call for a constitutional convention in 1972 and in successive elections held in 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Sec. 1 provides an alternative wherein the legislature may propose amendments to the Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, since statehood, the legislature has proposed 40 amendments, of which 28 have been approved by the voters; and,

WHEREAS, a constitutional convention is unnecessary, expensive, and risks proposals to shift public funding for education from the state to local governments, to alter the taxing power of government, and other proposals that could fundamentally harm Alaska's local governments; and,

WHEREAS, rural Alaska in particular could suffer impacts to the Power Cost Equalization program, the Alaska Marine Highway System, and rural education funding; and,

WHEREAS, at the next general election, on November 2, 2022, Alaska voters will be asked to vote on whether to convene a constitutional convention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Gustavus, Alaska, finds that a constitutional convention is unnecessary at this time and may negatively impact our local government.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 13th day of June, 2022, and effective upon adoption.



Mike Taylor, Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk