

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,
ALASKA, URGING THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA TO SIGN SENATE
BILL 174 ESTABLISHING AN ALASKA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 174 seeks to establish an Alaska Invasive Species Council to serve in an advisory role for invasive species management across agencies and jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Alaska Invasive Species Council will improve statewide efforts to proactively define, prevent, and respond to invasive species by bringing together stakeholders from across varied organizations, user groups, and industries; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, an organization that has spent 25 years working to prevent the introduction of invasive species into the marine environment in the Exxon Valdez oil spill region, supports this legislation and the city applauds their efforts; and

WHEREAS, signing this bill into law will allow for development of a coordinated strategic plan to respond to invasive species threats in Alaska and for our state to prioritize robust biosecurity practices that aim to reduce long-term impacts and future introductions of invasive species; and

WHEREAS, this bill received strong bipartisan support in the 34th Legislature of the State of Alaska, passing the Senate unanimously and receiving 35 yeas in the House; and

WHEREAS, signing and final passage of this legislation by Governor Dunleavy will illustrate this administration's commitment to protecting Alaska's ways of life and natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

The Valdez City Council urges Governor Dunleavy to sign Senate Bill 174 into law and support statewide collaboration in invasive species prevention and management for the benefit of Alaska's environment, economy, and culture.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 2nd day of June, 2026.

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ATTEST:

Dennis Fleming, Mayor

Sheri Pierce, City Clerk