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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE ROUTING OF THE IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL THROUGH THE GIRDWOOD VALLEY AND EXTENSION OF THE UPPER WINNER CREEK TRAIL INTO THE TWENTYMILE RIVER AREA TO BECOME A PART OF THE IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

WHEREAS, the routing of the Iditarod trail through the Girdwood Valley is consistent with the recommendations and findings contained in the Girdwood Commercial Areas and Transportation Master Plan adopted by the Municipality in 2001 and the Girdwood Area Plan of 1995; and

WHEREAS, the re-establishment of this historical trail route is consistent with goals of the Girdwood Area Plan including the preservation of Girdwood's natural environment, and providing year around recreational opportunities for the benefit of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Iditarod route through Girdwood would become a "backbone" trail through the Girdwood Valley that would enhance visitor pedestrian opportunities and provide a connection for other long-distance routes including the Crow Pass Trail and the proposed extension of the Winner Creek trail through the Twentymile Region; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the Upper Winner Creek Trail into the Twentymile River Area will provide residents and visitors to Girdwood an increased opportunity for back-country adventure; and

WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail will provide a means of transportation to Girdwood's special places, it will also provide residents and visitors a glimpse into the history of Girdwood becoming a source of community pride and contributing to the area's economic diversity and overall economy; and

WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail Project is a partnership across public agencies and private concerns, this Project is consistent with Girdwood's and Anchorage's long history of utilizing partnerships and cooperation in the development of our trail system.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

Section 1: Its support for the re-establishment of the Iditarod Trail and the extension of the Upper Winner Creek Trail into the Twentymile River Area.

Section 2: That this Body recommends the procurement of a permanent trail easement.

Section 3: That because of the importance of this Trail to the historic and future economy of Girdwood, this project be afforded consideration in light of other proposed developments in the Girdwood Valley.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 4th day of March, 2003.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk