Resolution 2019-17

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PHASE 2 OF THE
GIRDWOOD IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL (INHT), FROM GIRDWOOD
INDUSTRIAL PARK TO KAROLIUS ROAD ALONG THE EXISTING TRAIL
ALIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has supported the Iditarod National Historic Trail through Resolutions and Letters of Non-Objection since 2002, including: GBOS Resolution 2018-13 Resolution of Support for Continuation of Construction of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail; 2017-12 Resolution of Support for Construction of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail; 2016-05 Continuing Support for construction and dedication of the INHT alignment in Girdwood; GBOS Resolution 2014-04 Supporting the preliminary plat of the Girdwood Industrial Park and Dedication of the Iditarod National Historic Trail therein; GBOS Resolution 2007-02 supporting a proposal by the US Forest Service to construct and maintain the Iditarod National Historic Trail across municipal land in Girdwood; and GBOS Resolution 2002-16 supporting routing of the Iditarod National Historic Trail through the Girdwood Valley and extension of the Upper Winner Creek Trail into Twentymile River Area to become part of the Iditarod National Historic Trail; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee applied for and received matching grant of $5,000 for Phase 2 of the Girdwood INHT from the Anchorage Park Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee applied for and received funding from the Recreation Trails Program grant, from the Anchorage Park Foundation, and from Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm Heritage Area (KMTA) for trail construction on Phase 1, Sections 1 and 2 of this project, and has completed those tasks with excellent results; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail is a significant part of Girdwood’s history, and we eagerly anticipate increased ability for all to use this connector trail through Girdwood, connecting the old and new Girdwood Town Sites; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail represents a multi-agency partnership among the US Forest Service, Chugach State Parks, the Alaska Railroad Corporation, the Alaska Department of Transportation, the Iditarod National Historic Trail Alliance, the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU), Heritage Land Bank (HLB), and the community of Girdwood;
THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves continued support of the construction of Phase 2 of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 to 0 this 18th day of November, 2019.

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Christina C. Hendrickson, GBOS Parks and Recreation Supervisor

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Attest

18 Nov 19
Date

11 Dec 19
Date