

**Municipality  
of  
Anchorage**



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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**Resolution 2020-11  
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors  
RESOLUTION AGAINST RACISM**

WHEREAS, the community of Girdwood has been saddened and angered by recent acts of racism which demonstrate the injustice, inequity, and prejudice that persists in our country and our State; and

WHEREAS, racism has been shown to have negative effects on both adults and children, and racism, oppression, marginalization and hate are contrary to the values of our community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the struggle against racism requires continuing and active resistance against it at all levels and areas of community and governance; and

WHEREAS, the community of Girdwood is located on the road system, but has many connections to rural Alaskan communities through employment, friendship, family ties, residency, and other relationships, and is a community that includes residents from many different cultures and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee has recommended this GBOS Resolution of Support in a vote of the public attending the Regular meeting of the Girdwood Land Use Committee on September 14, 2020 by a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstaining.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors declares that Girdwood is an anti-racist community, that we expect community representatives and bodies to be anti-racist, that we welcome all people to our community, that we respect the dignity and equality of all people, that we condemn racist language in all its forms, and that we are committed to fostering inclusivity in local governance; and

THEREFORE let it be further resolved that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors also commits to convening a community forum on this topic; and

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER resolved that GBOS wishes to especially note its respect, support, and trust for our rural Alaskan neighbors and their communities, particularly in regard to decision-making on all matters that affect them.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 on this day of September 21, 2020

Mike Edgington, Land Use Supervisor, GBOS

Sept 21, 2020  
Date

Attest