Resolution 2020-13
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Resolution in Support of the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance

WHEREAS, Municipal Planning Department staff and/or members of the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) have attended our meetings and shared with the Girdwood Board of Supervisors the process and benefits of establishing a local landmark register, and

WHEREAS, the HPC was given the duty to prepare and submit to the Assembly, Mayor, and Planning and Zoning Commission, to be adopted by ordinance, a procedure for designating historic and cultural resources for inclusion into the Municipal Historic Inventory, and

WHEREAS, the recognition of cultural and historic resources gives the public valuable information about the people who came before, their struggles, successes, and ways of life; and

WHEREAS, local landmark registers are a foundational element of historic preservation programs throughout the world enabling communities to survey, recognize, and preserve their unique history and culture by inventorying and listing these resources in a local landmark register; and

WHEREAS, across our nation citizens appreciate historical, architectural, natural, and cultural character as being essential to the identity and unique character of their communities, and

WHEREAS, cultural and historic resources exist in each community council, village, or settlement area of the Municipality from important Dena’ina camps and fishing places, Russian fur and gold mining sites, homestead and farm areas, to ski hills, World War II bunkers, and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood valley area contains historic and cultural resources including the Roundhouse Museum, Crow Creek Mine, and the Iditarod National Historic Trail, that may qualify for recognition on the proposed local landmark register, and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Municipality of Anchorage expressed their support for the establishment of a local landmark register during the Municipal-wide historic preservation planning process initiated in 2017, and

WHEREAS, any ordinance set for Assembly approval must be shared with the community councils, villages, or boards for their comment and support, 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 November 9, 2020 by a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed and 10 abstaining, provided that the ordinance is amended to include local community council review and approval of nominations in their neighborhood.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors is in support of the Anchorage Assembly adopting the Municipal Local Landmark Register Ordinance, provided the ordinance includes local community council review and input regarding nominations in their neighborhoods. The Girdwood Board of Supervisors looks forward to publicly recognizing the unique history and culture found in our community and the Municipality of Anchorage.
PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 3 to 0 on this 16th day of November 2020

Jerry Fox, GBOS Co-chair

November 17, 2020

Date

Attest