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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jerry Fox & Mike Edgington, Co-Chairs
Eryn Boone, James Glover, Jr., Briana Sullivan*

**Resolution 2021-05
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE**

Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm Heritage Area Girdwood Bear Aware Grant Application

WHEREAS, the community of Girdwood is located in a heavily forested narrow valley with multiple salmon-bearing streams flowing throughout, making the community prime black bear and brown bear habitat; and,

WHEREAS, over recent years there have been regular conflicts between bears and humans, usually caused by careless trash handling attracting bears into residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Bear Aware (GBA) is a local grassroots organization with the mission of educating residents and visitors in bear aware practices, particularly around the topic of trash management; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020 GBOS supported a contract for Wind River Bear Institute (WRBI) to spend two weeks in Girdwood working with GBA and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to produce and implement an Introductory Human-Bear Conflict Reduction Plan ; and

WHEREAS, GBA has already secured a portion of the funding required for a second contract with WRBI for the summer of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, GBA has applied for a grant from the Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area to contribute to the contract with WRBI for the summer of 2021 and,

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) appreciates the commitment and longstanding relationship with KMTA and pursuit of our shared goals in community and youth involvement to increase public awareness and appreciation for the natural, historical and cultural resources in the Heritage Area.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors strongly supports GBA's grant application to KMTA for the GBA WRBI partnership for work in 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 3 to 0 this 30th day of March, 2021.

Eryn Boone, Supervisor

March 30, 2021
Date

Attest