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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

Resolution 2022-03

**Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KMTA GRANT APPLICATION
FOR HAND TRAM INTERPRETIVE DISPLAY**

WHEREAS, the hand tram at Glacier Creek has been an iconic element of Girdwood Trails since it was permitted and constructed in the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, use of the Winner Creek Trail has exceeded the capacity of the hand tram, resulting in review of alternatives that will match trail use, provide year-round access, and will be accessible by all trail users; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee has recommended study, design and construction of a suspension bridge to provide crossing of Glacier Creek in the location of the current hand tram, which will require removal of the hand tram components; and

WHEREAS, the community has expressed strong interest in creation of an interpretive site through relocation of one of the tram terminal buildings with interpretive displays that commemorate the concept, engineering and construction of the hand tram; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee can apply for a grant from the Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area (KMTA) to assist with relocation of the terminal for use as an interpretive display and can match funds with those received from private donations, in-kind donations, and municipal funds; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Trails Committee voted 36 in favor, 1 opposed at their January 4, 2022 meeting to recommend this Resolution of Support, to be included in the KMTA Grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors 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 supports the Girdwood Trails Committee's grant application to KMTA for matching funds to be used toward creation of an interpretive location to commemorate the Hand Tram.

Passed and approved by a vote of 4 to 0 this 17th day of January 2022.

Briana Sullivan, GBOS Parks and Rec Supervisor

January 18, 2022

DATE

Attest