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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs
Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

**Resolution 2023-03
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE
Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm Heritage Area Girdwood Trails Committee Application**

WHEREAS, the community of Girdwood has a variety of trails that are in need of trail maintenance; and

WHEREAS, over recent years it has been difficult for Girdwood Parks and Recreation to secure local employees who are qualified and able to work as our Summer Parks Caretakers; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Girdwood Trails Committee are seeking a solution to the employment and work gap, by seeking trail crew interns through Alaska Trails and/or the Student Conservation Association (SCA), which is often more lucrative for employees because these programs may offer college credit or other incentives that are appealing to students; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Parks and Recreation and Girdwood Trails Committee propose securing funding to pay for interns via a variety of sources and partnerships, including possible housing support from the USFS Glacier Ranger District, GTC private funding held with Girdwood Inc, and Girdwood Valley Service Area funding from local residential tax base; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee proposes applying for a grant from the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area to contribute to the funding; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Trails Committee has approved funds not to exceed \$7,000 from the Girdwood Trails Committee Girdwood Inc account to assist in meeting the required match for the KMTA grant; and

WHEREAS, specific trails to be worked on with KMTA matching funding are those that provide key connections in Girdwood including the Beaver Pond Trail, Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail, Virgin Creek Falls Trail, and Athabascan Physics Trail; 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; and

WHEREAS, this letter of support was recommended to the GBOS by unanimous vote at the January 3 2023 meeting of the Girdwood Trails Committee

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors strongly supports GTCs grant application to KMTA for a matching mid-cap grant to work on trail improvements and maintenance in 2023 and will provide contribution not to exceed \$8,000 from the Girdwood Parks and Recreation 406 account.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 to 0 this 16th day of January 2023.



Briana Sullivan
GBOS Parks and Rec Chair



Attest