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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Briana Sullivan and Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs
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**Resolution 2023-18
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR REHABILITATION OF THE GIRDWOOD MIDDLE IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL (INHT), FROM GIRDWOOD K-8 SCHOOL TO THE US FOREST SERVICE BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has supported the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail through Resolutions and Letters of Non-Objection since 2002, including: GBOS Resolution 2019-17 Resolution of Support for Phase 2 of the Girdwood INHT from Girdwood Industrial park to Karolius Road; GBOS Resolution 2018-13 Resolution of Support for Continuation of Construction of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail; 2017-12 Resolution of Support for Construction of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail; 2016- 05 Continuing Support for construction and dedication of the INHT alignment in Girdwood; GBOS Resolution 2014-04 Supporting the preliminary plat of the Girdwood Industrial Park and Dedication of the Iditarod National Historic Trail therein; GBOS Resolution 2007-02 supporting a proposal by the US Forest Service to construct and maintain the Iditarod National Historic Trail across municipal land in Girdwood; and GBOS Resolution 2002-16 supporting routing of the Iditarod National Historic Trail through the Girdwood Valley and extension of the Upper Winner Creek Trail into Twentymile River Area to become part of the Iditarod National Historic Trail; and

WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee applied for, received funding and completed all of the projects to create and improve the Lower Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail in 3 achievable segments and with various project partners, including Recreation Trails Program Grants, Anchorage Park Foundation, Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area, with excellent result, creating a trail that is well-used and appreciated by the community; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Middle Iditarod National Historic Trail is a significant part of Girdwood's history, and we eagerly anticipate increased ability for all trail users to connecting the Girdwood Town Sites with other trails, creating miles of consistent trail tread within Girdwood that can be used to explore miles of valley trails with minimal exposure to vehicle traffic, including the Winner Creek Trail, Alaska Traverse (formerly the Alaska Long Trail), the greater Iditarod National Historic Trail system; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail represents a multi-agency partnership among the US Forest Service, Chugach State Parks, the Alaska Railroad Corporation, the Alaska Department of Transportation, the Iditarod National Historic Trail Alliance, the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU), Heritage Land Bank (HLB), and the community of Girdwood; and

WHEREAS, support for this project has been provided by the Girdwood Trails Committee by a unanimous vote at their October 3 2023 regular meeting and is also supported by the draft Girdwood Trails Plan, which is currently under review through the Municipal system for adoption and the Girdwood Trails Management Plan;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves continued support of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail with this work on the Middle Iditarod section of trail and supports the Recreational Trails Program grant application.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed this 16th day of October 2023.

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Guy Wade
GBOS Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Margaret Tyler

Attest