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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Erin Eker & Sam Daniel, Co-Chairs
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Resolution 2016-04
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GIRDWOOD 2020 SEWARD HIGHWAY
SAFETY COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ENFORCEMENT BY
ALASKA STATE TROOPERS ON THE SEWARD HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Trooper post in Girdwood is slated to close on July 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Cockrell of the Alaska State Troopers has advised the Girdwood Board of Supervisors that State of Alaska Public Safety Budget cuts will bring the number of traffic enforcement troopers on the Seward Highway down to 3 individuals, patrolling the entire distance from McHugh Creek to Seward; and,

WHEREAS, the Seward Highway is the main supply line for individuals, materials, goods, and services between Anchorage and all communities on the Kenai Peninsula; and,

WHEREAS, safety of drivers on the Seward Highway has been greatly improved by the creation of the Highway Safety Corridor and the enforcement that this has added to regular Alaska State Trooper patrols; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska State Trooper records show that the incidences of serious injuries and fatalities have been greatly reduced on the Seward Highway corresponding to increased enforcement of traffic patrols and other enforcement patrols; and,

WHEREAS, this issue, while critical to the residents of Girdwood, is beyond the scope of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, which is unable to take action on items outside of the Girdwood Service Area; and,

WHEREAS, Girdwood 2020 formed a Seward Highway Safety Committee, which has been successful in lobbying for highway safety design improvements;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the Girdwood 2020 Seward Highway Safety Committee in their efforts to promote highway enforcement on the Seward Highway by the Alaska State Troopers at levels at least equal to current staffing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the Girdwood 2020 Seward Highway Safety Committee in gathering a stakeholders group including communities, businesses, and individuals that are concerned with safety on the State's highways for the purpose of lobbying the Governor and legislators to fund highway enforcement at levels equal to those that have been proven successful in the past.

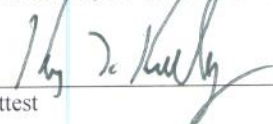
Passed and resolved this 15th day of February, 2016 at the Regular Meeting of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors.



Sam Daniel, Co-Chair Girdwood Board of Supervisors

2/15/16

Date



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