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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**Resolution 2019-03
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, in 2018 six bears, including three young cubs, were dispatched in Girdwood due to conflicts caused by human food conditioning; and

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

WHEREAS, GBA has already been effective in lobbying for the introduction of an ordinance to mandate bear-resistant trash containers within Girdwood Valley; and,

WHEREAS, GBA has applied for a grant from the Kenai Mountains Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area to produce educational publications to encourage bear aware behavior from visitors and residents of Girdwood; 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 to produce educational publications.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 3 to 0 this 18th day of March, 2019.



Jerry Fox, GBOS Co-Chair



Attest



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