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**GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
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*Eryn Boone, Mike Edgington, Christina Hendrickson*

**Resolution 2019-05  
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 2 OF THE  
GIRDWOOD IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL (INHT)**

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors has Resolved to support the Iditarod National Historic Trail through Resolutions and Letters of Non-Objection since 2002, including: GBOS Resolution 2018-13 Resolution of Support for Continuation of Construction of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail; GBOS Resolution 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

WHEREAS, Girdwood Trails Committee has previously applied for and received funding from the Recreation Trails Program grant, from the Anchorage Park Foundation, and from Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm Heritage Area (KMTA) for trail construction on Phase 1, part 1 of this project, and has completed those tasks with excellent results, and has received grant funds from the Recreational Trails Program grant to complete part 2 of this project in summer, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the scope of Phase 2 of the Lower INHT will bring the completed, upgraded trail from the end of Phase 1 at Ruane Road to Karolius Road, widening the trail, improving drainage, and creating a safe and accessible trail for all trail users; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Trails Committee requested that the Girdwood Board of Supervisors write a Resolution of Support for this project and to seek funding through the Anchorage Park Foundation by a unanimous vote at their March 5, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood INHT is a significant part of Girdwood's history, and we eagerly anticipate increased ability for all to use this connector trail through Girdwood, connecting the old and new Girdwood Town Sites; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood INHT 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, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility (AWWU), Heritage Land Bank (HLB), and the community of Girdwood.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors resolves support of the construction of Phase 2 of the Girdwood Iditarod National Historic Trail according to the outline provided in the Girdwood Iditarod Trail Route Study of 1997, and according to specifications of the US Forest Service.

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

  
Christina C. Hendrickson, GBOS Parks and Recreation Supervisor

  
Date

Attest

  
Date