Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Service Resolution for Kyle Kelley

Whereas, Kyle Kelley has worked for the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), Girdwood Valley Service Area (GVSA) since his hiring as Municipal Liaison in 2011; and

Whereas, the position, which began as responsibilities of the elected GBOS, became too cumbersome for volunteers to handle and accordingly evolved into the role of GVSA Manager; and

Whereas, the position requires specific and adaptive skill sets that are not typically found in just one human - the ability to plow roads, fix faucets, build skate park ramps, navigate budgets and contracts, operate and repair winter grooming machinery, facilitate meetings, and above all, listen to public issues while guiding individuals to a positive outcome; and

Whereas, immediately upon taking the position, Kyle Kelley began providing key leadership in working on projects on behalf of the GVSA, overseeing and managing municipal projects, such as roads and infrastructure, working with the GBOS on annual budget, and helping lead various groups on myriad projects; and

Whereas, Kyle Kelley oversees the Girdwood Street Maintenance Management, Maintenance Yard Management, Contractor Management and Procurement, Parks & Recreation Management, and the budgets of all the above, works in partnership with Girdwood Fire Department and budgeting requests, administers the contract with Whittier Police Department for Girdwood and police budget for GVSA, oversees Facility Management for numerous sites in Girdwood, oversees Staff, provides full support to GBOS subcommittees and all meetings, works closely with MOA Departments to represent Girdwood's best interest, and both plans and implements Capital Projects with support of GBOS; and

Whereas, Kyle Kelley has continuously proven his abilities and talents across the many tasks involved in this position, involving complex parameters and issues, tactical approaches, nuances, and professionalism, while calmly adapting to the varying daily, weekly, and seasonal workload; and

Whereas, highlights from locals' testimonials of Kyle Kelley's most significant accomplishments and contributions to the GVSA include the remaking of the tennis court and skate park, the maintenance of two pavilions, acquiring funds for the rebuilding of the Lower Iditarod and Beaver Pond Trails, supervised summer trail crews, managing the maintenance, redesign, and life of the Girdwood Hand Tram, navigating and handling the loss of the State Trooper policing in Girdwood and finding solutions toward a Whittier Police Contract, installing the pedestrian flasher system at Egloff and Hightower Roads, leading the response and repair of storm damage to roads, facilities, parks and trails during and after the flooding in Fall 2021, and other unexpected turns of events; and

Whereas, Kyle Kelley is commended for the extraordinary effort he put forth to help protect Girdwood's roads and vital infrastructure during the storm in early November, 2021, being present, alerting contractors and various contacts to mobilize much needed equipment, addressing the situations and the immediate aftermath, remaining calm and professional dealing with the public and press, supervising repairs closely and resorting access for all contractors and their equipment, and

Whereas Kyle Kelley is able to lead us to meet these challenges positively, quickly, and efficiently, impressively and consistently 'going above and beyond' to ensure everything is in working order; and
Whereas, when things go south, one finds out who the heroes are, firmly placing Kyle Kelley in that category, and

Whereas, under his leadership, Girdwood has been successful in completing a wide variety of projects, saving the MOA Girdwood taxpayers substantially while providing key infrastructure for locals, visitors, and all to enjoy; and

Whereas, in 2022, the Girdwood Community became aware of a Municipal recognition, for which Kyle Kelley was to be nominated and for which his supervisors were collecting support; and

Whereas, immediately upon hearing the request, detailed letters of support for Kyle Kelley’s nomination were received and forwarded to be included with his nomination packet for consideration by the Awards Committee; and

Whereas, Kyle Kelley’s commitment to hard work, strong leadership, patience, and competence are keystones of his relationship with the community and are well-matched for the position that he holds; and

Whereas, Kyle Kelley is particularly skilled at communicating the complex and often opaque Municipal processes in a way that is understandable to the community; and

Whereas, late in 2022, Kyle Kelley was named Municipality of Anchorage Supervisor of the Year 2021.

Therefore, the GBOS resolves to echo the sentiment of the Municipality of Anchorage that Kyle Kelley is indeed the Supervisor of the Year.

Kyle Kelley is a tremendous asset to the Municipality as a whole and to the GVSA. We thank Kyle Kelley for his years of excellent service and look forward to many more to come.

PASSED AND APPROVED by unanimous vote this 20th day of February, 2023.

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