## **CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA**

## **RESOLUTION CY22-21**

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CORDOVA TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE USDA RECONNECT GRANT APPLICATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gustavus supports initiatives <u>which that</u> will improve the quality of life for citizens of the community, including access to affordable and reliable broadband internet; and

**WHEREAS,** Cordova Telephone Cooperative (CTC) is seeking federal funding via the USDA ReConnect Grant <u>which-that</u> will provide access to submarine fiberoptic cable for the community of Gustavus, Alaska; and

**WHEREAS,** CTC's grant application, "FISH in SEAK" (Fiber Internet Serving Homes in Southeast Alaska), is intended to provide wholesale opportunities <u>in order</u> to increase community connectivity and reduce broadband costs within Gustavus; and

**WHEREAS,** the Gustavus City Council believes that the project, if funded, is in the best interests of Gustavus, its citizens, its businesses, local providers, and the future of the community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gustavus City Council, by this resolution, supports the efforts of Cordova Telephone Cooperative as reasonably necessary to validate land ownership, <u>easements</u>, <u>e</u>Environmental <u>r</u>Reviews, and other documentation <del>related to the City landfor the City of Gustavus</del>, if CTC receives the USDA ReConnect Grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gustavus City Council will provide a letter of support for <u>encourages</u> CTC's USDA ReConnect Grant application.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the <u>City of</u> Gustavus <del>City Council</del> will <del>grant</del> <del>permission</del><u>issue civil work permits with conditions</u> to CTC to perform construction on City property, <u>and in City-maintained easements</u>, in consultation with the City <del>and only to the</del> <del>extent reasonably necessary</del>, in order<u>as necessary</u> to <del>provide utility services to residential and</del> <del>business building units</del><u>connect Gustavus to regional fiberoptic infrastructure</u>;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution shall remain in effect, without limitation, until such time as it has been expressly rescinded by the City of Gustavus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the officers and employees of the City of Gustavus have the authority to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Gustavus City Council, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2022.

Attest: Karen Platt, CMC City Clerk

Mayor