

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 which 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 which 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 in order 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, Environmental Reviews, and other documentation related to the City land, if CTC receives the USDA ReConnect Grant;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council will grant permission to CTC to perform construction on City property, in consultation with the City and only to the extent reasonably necessary, in order to provide utility services to residential and business building units;

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RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect, without limitation, until such time as it has been expressly rescinded by the City of Gustavus; and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

Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt, CMC
City Clerk