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Bobbi Leichthy, Director
SE Region EMS Council Inc.
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Sent via email: director@serems.org

Dear Ms. Leichthy, ^{Bobbi}

We are pleased to nominate Leah Okin for the Level 2 seat on the SEREMS Board of Directors and offer our whole-hearted support of her application. She is articulate, highly capable, and an innovative leader and problem solver. She is hard working and collaborative, and in recognition of her competence and expertise, the City hired her as the first EMS Coordinator on the Gustavus VFD. She has proven to be an energetic and talented instructor and has brought new responders into GVFD. She worked with out-of-state technicians to solve a problem with the 911 system that was routing emergency cell phone calls to the Alaska State Troopers and routing 911 calls from other communities to Gustavus. Her steady temperament and quick-thinking make her an ideal emergency responder, and her compassion and sense of humor make her delightful to know and work with. She would be an asset to the SEREMS Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Shelley K. Owens
Mayor

Sol Martinez
GVFD Fire Chief

Kathy Leary
City Administrator