CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA RESOLUTION CY17-10

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO ASSUME MANAGEMENT OF STATE LANDS KNOWN AS TRACT "A" AND TRACT "B", FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION OF SAID LANDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Gustavus beach area is an important recreational area for residents and visitors alike; and,

WHEREAS, increased visitors to the community and a growing resident population mean the area is being used more than any time in the past; and,

WHEREAS, children and pets especially are at risk from increasing amounts of trash, broken glass, and human and dog waste; and,

WHEREAS, vehicle tracks now extend from public land far onto private property on the east side of the Dock Road; and,

WHEREAS, vehicles in the recent past have caused and continue to cause damage to the sand berms and vegetation on their property against the wishes of the private property owners; and,

WHEREAS, many residents of Gustavus have expressed support for responsible care and protection of the beach area, public and private; and,

WHEREAS, a Quiet Title Judgement dated February 27, 1985 between Charles W. DeBoer and the United States of America and State of Alaska maintains that the state shall use these properties "for the purpose of continuing the historic recreational uses of the land" and that these recreational uses "shall be consistent with the natural state of the land and be of low-intensity nature"; and

WHEREAS, management of the beach area by the City will facilitate responsible use of this resource;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus supports the establishment of a Cooperative Management Agreement with the State of Alaska specific to these lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus will involve the public in crafting a development plan for these tracts that will comply with State of Alaska laws and regulations pertaining to public lands and considering the stipulations in the Quiet Title Judgement dated February 27, 1985 between Charles W. DeBoer and the United States of America and State of Alaska.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 9th day of October 2017, and effective upon its adoption.

Barbara Miranda, Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt, City Clerk