CITY OF GUSTAVUS
RESOLUTION CY20-14

A RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, emergency incidents of many kinds affecting the City of Gustavus may arise without warning at any time, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus must be organized and prepared in advance to respond and contain the effects of the emergency, protect human life and property, and enable restoration of critical community functions, and;

WHEREAS, a rapid, organized, effective response effort is essential for protection of life and property in an emergency, and;

WHEREAS, the standard day-to-day organization of City functions is not itself designed for unusual large emergency incidents, and;

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is a standardized response system used Nationwide to deal with such emergencies, and;

WHEREAS, the City and community of Gustavus includes individuals trained and skilled in application of the NIMS, and;

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department routinely applies NIMS principles and the Incident Command System for local emergency responses within the capability of Department volunteers and resources, and;

WHEREAS, a local emergency or catastrophe may exceed local GVFD resources and therefore require the expansion of the incident command system response to include broader City staff and resources, and/or outside State or Federal agency support, and;

WHEREAS, the NIMS is referenced for terms, roles, processes, and procedures for the purposes of this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

In case of an emergency, such as a storm, earthquake, tsunami, fire, epidemic, major accident, pollution event, or criminal act, affecting the Community of Gustavus, the City shall apply the NIMS to respond as follows:
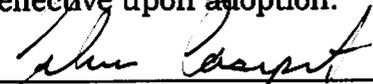
1. The Mayor or Acting Mayor if the Mayor is away, upon the advice and recommendation of the Fire Chief or City Administrator, shall determine whether the event constitutes a community emergency requiring exceptional resources and personnel, and if so, shall declare a Local Disaster Emergency. Pursuant to AS 26.23.140 it may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days, except by or with the consent of the Gustavus City Council.

2. The Mayor shall direct the City Fire Chief in the role of Emergency Manager, to stand up an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), with scale appropriate to the scope of the incident, and as defined by NIMS standard practices.

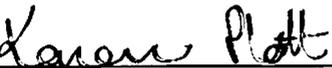3. The Emergency Manager shall implement the NIMS Incident Command System (ICS) and

that system shall manage the incident until the incident is resolved.

4. The Emergency Manager shall serve as initial Incident Commander, or assign another to serve so, and shall follow standard ICS procedures set for Incident Command (IC).

5. The Incident Commander shall identify and assign needed IC staff (Safety, Public Information, and Liaison Officers) and General Staff positions (Operations, Planning, Logistics, and Finance/Administration Section Chiefs) from available trained personnel.

6. City staff assigned to positions under the ICS during the emergency shall report to their single ICS supervisor for all incident response activities, per the NIMS principle of Chain of Command and Unity of Command, and not to their normally assigned City supervisor.

7. The Incident Commander shall have full responsibility for setting response goals and strategies, managing the incident response, and delegating responsibilities to Section Chiefs for the duration of the incident.

8. The Incident Commander shall have responsibility to engage outside State, Federal or private agency support when required by the scope and size of the emergency, and;

9. As the incident response progresses, the Incident Commander may stand down portions of the response organization when they are no longer needed.

10. Upon the advice of the Incident Commander and/or the Emergency Manager, the City Council through the Mayor may declare the Local Disaster Emergency resolved.

11. As final reporting and demobilization tasks are completed, or reassigned, the Incident Commander shall stand down the EOC and return personnel to their normal activities.

Furthermore, the Mayor may direct City Staff to apply the Incident Command System as a tool for managing non-emergency, planned City public events, such as visits of dignitaries, and may designate an Incident Commander for such purpose.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 11th day of May, 2020, and effective upon adoption.

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Calvin Casipit, Mayor

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Attest: Karen Platt CMC, Clerk