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 that 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 that 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 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 supports the efforts of Cordova Telephone Cooperative as reasonably necessary to validate land ownership, easements, environmental reviews, and other documentation for the City of Gustavus, if CTC receives the USDA ReConnect Grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council encourages CTC's USDA ReConnect Grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus will issue civil work permits with conditions to CTC to perform construction on City property, and in City-maintained easements, in consultation with the City as necessary to connect Gustavus to regional fiberoptic infrastructure;

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RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect, without limitation, until such time as it has been expressly rescinded by the City of Gustavus; and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 10th day of October 2022.

Attest: Karen Platt, CMC

City Clerk