

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY22-22**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BYTE NETWORKING LLC (dba FIBRE ALASKA)
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, Byte Networking LLC is seeking federal funding via the USDA ReConnect Grant that will fund construction of access to submarine fiberoptic cable for the community of Gustavus, Alaska; and

WHEREAS Byte Networking is currently building out a fiber optic network in Gustavus with funding from a USDA Community Connect grant; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Commission and Southeast Conference are supporting this effort with technical assistance that will enhance the likelihood of success; 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 Byte Networking as reasonably necessary to validate land ownership, easements, environmental reviews, and other documentation for the City of Gustavus, if Byte Networking receives the USDA ReConnect Grant;

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

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

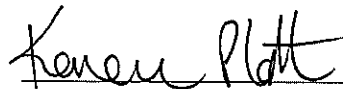
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect until such time as it has been expressly rescinded by the City of Gustavus; and

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 22th day of October 2022.



Mike Taylor
Mayor



Attest: Karen Platt, CMC
City Clerk