CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA RESOLUTION CY22-23

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION BY ALASKA AIRLINES UNDER THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM TO SERVE GUSTAVUS FOR MAY 2023 THROUGH APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, Gustavus Alaska has benefited from passenger jet airliner service for decades before incorporation as the City of Gustavus; and,

WHEREAS, the Essential Air Service program subsidies have made reliable airliner passenger service feasible and economical for residents and visitors alike; and,

WHEREAS, summer activities in Gustavus and Glacier Bay greatly increase air travel into and out of Gustavus; and,

WHEREAS, the community, its residents, and businesses depend on summer visitors as an essential economic driver; and,

WHEREAS, many summer visitors are either unable or unwilling to travel on smaller air taxi aircraft for a visit to Gustavus and Glacier Bay; and,

WHEREAS, the having multiple competitive means of transport into Gustavus particularly during the busy summer season provides flexibility in travel opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Airlines has provided reliable service to Gustavus with the support of the Essential Air Service program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gustavus supports the application of Alaska Airlines for compensation under the Essential Air Service program to provide service to Southeast Alaska communities including Gustavus for the period of May 2023 through April 2025 and encourages acceptance of the terms of the application.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 14th day of November 2022, and effective upon adoption.

Mike Taylor, Mayo

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk