

City of Gustavus, Alaska

Resolution No. 2009-18

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT PROPOSAL TO
REFURBISH THE GUSTAVUS FIRE HALL**

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Fire Hall was designed and built in 1984 to provide a base of operations for Gustavus' fire and emergency response needs, and is the operational base for the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department and Gustavus Emergency Response; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Fire hall was designed and built entirely by volunteers using grant funds, with subsequent additions constructed by volunteers using mostly donated materials; and

WHEREAS, during the course of construction by these dedicated volunteers, certain projects, such as siding, were never entirely completed; and

WHEREAS, certain elements of the building, such as the fuel storage tank and egress stairs, no longer meet current codes or standards; and

WHEREAS, as the functions and equipment needs of the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department have grown to meet community needs, such as acquisition of a mass casualty trailer, the Fire Hall has lacked adequate space to store them, with the result being that equipment stored outdoors is virtually unusable during winter months when heavy snows blanket everything; and

WHEREAS, having weathered 25 years of continuous use in the moist maritime climate of Southeast Alaska, elements of the Gustavus Fire Hall, such as roof and siding, are in need of replacement; and

WHEREAS, recent structural repairs to the building have revealed sufficient deterioration that the Gustavus Fire Hall cannot continue to serve the community for apparatus and gear storage, as an educational and training center, and as an incident command post unless immediate action is taken; and

WHEREAS, repair and remodel of the existing Gustavus Fire Hall is the preferred and most cost effective means to meet the emergency response needs in a community that prides itself in thrift and recycling;

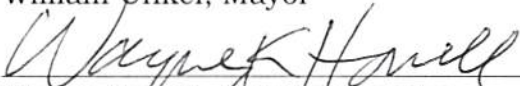
WHEREAS, the functions provided by the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department and Gustavus Emergency Response through the Gustavus Fire Hall have been identified as high-priority city services adopted in the 2005 Gustavus Strategic Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Gustavus City Council, in an effort to support and improve the health and safety of its citizens, supports the grant application being submitted to FEMA by the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council, this 9th day of July, 2009.



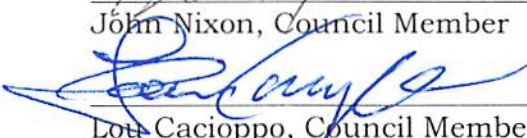
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Wayne Howell, Council Member



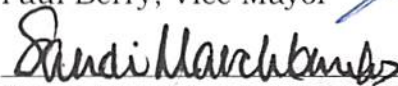
John Nixon, Council Member



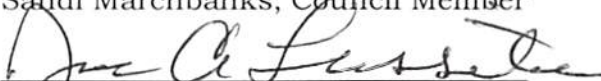
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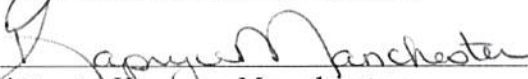
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Attest: Kapryce Manchester,
City Clerk