

**City of Gustavus, Alaska  
Resolution 2009-28**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS RECOGNIZING THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE GUSTAVUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
(GVFD) AND THE MUTUAL AID MOU WITH THE NATIONAL PARK  
SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service functions as the backbone of a communities health and safety operation. Providing for the suppression of structural and forest fires, providing 911 emergency and ambulance service, and by coordinating search and rescue operations. A Fire Department is also an advocate for emergency services within the community and provides training in fire prevention and EMS to community residents, and;

**WHEREAS**, the GVFD is the fire department and emergency medical service provider for the City of Gustavus, and;

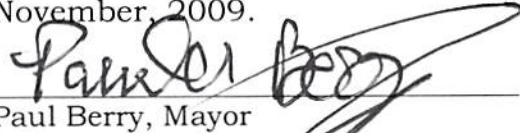
**WHEREAS**, the ability to provide fire and EMS to the community is greatly enhanced by the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park Service Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve to provide support and equipment required to protect life and property on lands and waters in and around Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, and;

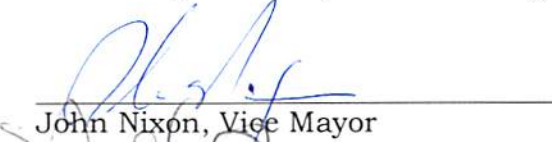
**WHEREAS**, in order to re-invigorate the GVFD, the City of Gustavus identifies the following objectives to ensure that the level of fire and EMS services return to a high standard:

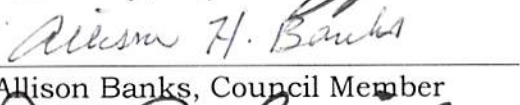
- Explaining to the community by this resolution, by letter and by community meeting, the issues before the City in regards to maintaining a viable fire department within Gustavus.
- Enlisting, training and retaining enough volunteers to keep the Fire Department and EMS viable. Working hard to develop the necessary training to maintain a fire brigade with a minimum of four certified Fire Fighter 1 volunteers that is always available within the community.
- Create a job description and establish a recruitment process for making the Fire Chief a paid position within the City.
- Working with the community to insure there are enough volunteers to fill out the 80-hour structural fire training program sponsored by the National Park Service, scheduled for this coming March.

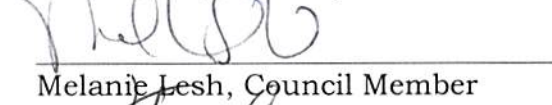
**AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gustavus City Council understands the challenges facing our Fire Department and is determined to re-invigorate the GVFD as hereby described. The City of Gustavus will pursue these goals in as timely manner as possible.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council, this 12th day of November, 2009.

  
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Paul Berry, Mayor

  
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John Nixon, Vice Mayor

  
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Allison Banks, Council Member

  
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Attest: Kapryce Manchester,  
City Clerk