

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 2013-09**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL TO 'DESIGN AND BUILD
MODEL LAST-MILE COMMUNITY BROADBAND NETWORK**

WHEREAS, city-owned Gustavus Community Network (GCN) has provided Internet service to the community of Gustavus since 1996 and has a solid record of creativity and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, all existing internet access options in Gustavus are inadequate for today's media-rich Internet applications, much less for those to come; and

WHEREAS, upgrading the community Internet service to broadband has been identified as a critical infrastructure need for the City of Gustavus and received 'strong positive' support as a capital infrastructure project in the 2005 'City of Gustavus Strategic Plan'; and

WHEREAS, 84% of respondents to the DCRA sponsored 'Gustavus, Alaska: 2008 Community Survey Report' identified improvement of Internet connectivity as an important infrastructure project, placing second only to a new dock in importance on a list of 25 infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, broadband consultant ICF International has developed a Gustavus Broadband Plan with extensive input from the community of Gustavus and other broadband stakeholders, funded by an FY12 grant from the Alaska Legislature through the Department of Community, Commerce, and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Broadband Plan identifies a city-owned hybrid fiber-coax network as the best business model and technology for meeting the communication needs identified by the community; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus City Council accepted the proposed Gustavus Broadband Plan by resolution on October 4, 2010,

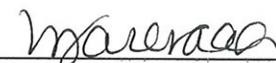
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Gustavus City Council, in an effort to promote economic development, curb out-migration and improve community health and safety by providing the fastest, most reliable and most affordable last-mile broadband network, seeks State general fund support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council supports for submission the FY14 capital request to 'Design and Build Model Last-Mile Community Broadband Network', in the amount of \$2,433,345.

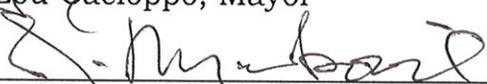
PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the city council this 10th day of January, 2013.



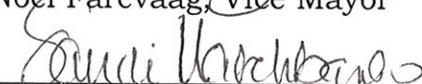
Lou Cacioppo, Mayor



Noel Farevaag, Vice Mayor



Jim Mackovjak, Council Member



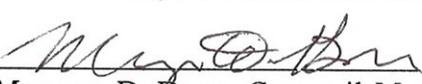
Sandi Marchbanks, Council Member

Via Teleconference

Tim Sunday, Council Member



Phil Hawley, Council Member



Morgan DeBoer, Council Member



Attest: Kapryce Manchester, MMC
City Clerk