

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY14-31**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ICF TO PREPARE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FCC
RURAL BROADBAND EXPERIMENTS PROGRAM**

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, every existing internet access option in Gustavus still suffers from inadequate coverage, performance, reliability, and/or affordability; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2010 the Gustavus City Council adopted a Gustavus Broadband Plan developed with extensive input from the community of Gustavus and other broadband stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the FCC has announced availability of grant funds under a Rural Broadband Experiments program, which could fund the entire cost of the network proposed in the broadband plan using universal service funds that currently subsidize only basic telephone service, and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Gustavus City Council seeks funding and authorizes ICF to prepare a grant application to the FCC Rural Broadband Experiments program; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council authorizes a Change Order for Consultant Agreement No. GUSTAVUS-ICF-JM20121206 for an additional \$30,000.00, deducted from GCN's APB/Northrim Bank account, to be paid to ICF for grant preparation.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 26th day of September, 2014.

Sandi Marchbanks, Mayor

Attest: Lori Ewing, City Clerk