CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. CY15-04

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS IN SUPPORT OF THE GUSTAVUS COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, The Gustavus Community Center Board (GCCB), a non-profit entity with no formal connection to the City of Gustavus, was established in 2008 to *create a beautiful, sustainable space that will promote health, enhance quality of life, preserve local traditions, and strengthen the integrity of the community of Gustavus, Alaska;* and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Gustavus have been involved, beginning in 2009 with a community survey that strongly endorsed the concept of the Center, and continuing through a series of well-attended planning meetings and festivals up to the present; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus Strategic Plan lists a multi-purpose community building as a desired future facility; and

WHEREAS, The Strategic Plan invokes community as one of its four cornerstones; and

WHEREAS, GCCB goals to support community education programs that promote physical and mental health, promote volunteerism, support and promote community celebrations and events, and provide activities for youth all are congruent with the Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, The GCCB has raised $254,000, 94% of which came from local non-governmental sources; and

WHEREAS, The GCCB has used these funds to purchase a centrally located 8-acre parcel; and

WHEREAS, the GCCB has partnered with MRV Architects of Juneau and the Gustavus residents to develop a conceptual plan for a Community Center Building on this property; and

WHEREAS, the GCCB has been accepted by the Foraker pre-development program for assistance in developing a strong, self-sustaining business plan that does not require support for operating funds; and

WHEREAS, The GCCB is working with a Foraker capital campaign expert to seek further funding from various private foundations, along with State and Federal dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is now opportune for the City of Gustavus to reaffirm its support for the GCCB process, an entirely grass-roots effort; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus strongly supports the GCCB process and looks forward to a successful outcome.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this 12th day of January, 2015.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Lori Ewing, City Clerk