CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. CY15-05

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL TO 'DESIGN MODEL COMMUNITY NETWORK'

WHEREAS, City-owned Gustavus Community Network (GCN) has provided Internet service to the community of Gustavus since 1996; 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 none of them is available throughout the City; 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, and 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 FY16 capital request to 'Design Model Community Network', requesting $70,335 from the State of Alaska, to be matched with $50,000 from City reserves.

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

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Lori Ewing, City Clerk