CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY15-30

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING EXPANSION OF THE GUSTAVUS COMMUNITY CLINIC

WHEREAS, local medical services are vital to the health and safety of the community, including its residents, visitors and seasonal labor force, and;

WHEREAS, the community has supported and depends on its Clinic's local health care since 1995, and;

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Strategic Plan specifies the need for additional medical facilities expansion to allow necessary services essential to the public welfare, and;

WHEREAS, the agreement between Gustavus Community Clinic and Alaska Island Community Services (AICS) ensures ongoing Community Health Center services, and;

WHEREAS, increasing community dependence on these medical, behavioral health and pharmacy services has grown, and exceeds the capacity of the existing facility, and;

WHEREAS, the need for additional services has been documented in recent 2015 surveys by AICS and the Gustavus Clinic Board, and;

WHEREAS, the Clinic's internal space of under 700 square feet is insufficient to meet basic needs including x-ray services, and;

WHEREAS, there is insufficient privacy to properly deliver medical and behavioral health services, due to space limitations, and;

WHEREAS, the Clinic lacks appropriate storage facilities for medications, and;

WHEREAS, emergency services lack appropriate clinical space, and cannot accommodate a gurney, and;

WHEREAS, available specialty care such as vision services cannot be provided due to lack of space, and;

WHEREAS, barriers to behavioral healthcare for children exist due to the limited space in the exam rooms for the children and their parents; and;

WHEREAS, bathroom access for persons using wheelchairs is restricted by the current design, and;

WHEREAS, Clinic renovation and expansion will respond to increased numbers of persons seeking health care at the Clinic, address growing requirements for specific health services, correct facility-based deficits that are barriers to care, remedy health and safety hazards, and allow expanded health services for our growing community, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Gustavus recognizes that the clinic expansion is vital to public health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council encourages positive consideration of the efforts being made by the Gustavus Community Clinic and Alaska Island Community Services to secure professional assistance with project planning and to develop funding for the expansion of the Gustavus Community Clinic.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Gustavus City Council this 9th day of November, 2015, and effective upon adoption.

Mike Taylor

Mike Taylor, Mayor

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Attest: Lori Ewing, City Clerk