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HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION No. 23-09-1060

Adopted

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Establishing
the Haines Community Builder Award Program**

WHEREAS, the Government Affairs and Services Committee (GASC) considered and recommends the creation of a Haines Community Builder Award Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the award is to annually recognize the unique and positive contributions or efforts of an individual, organization or business entity to the quality of life for residents of the Haines Borough; and

WHEREAS, nominations for the award shall be made by any Haines Borough resident at least 16 years old but may not be a related (either personally or professionally) nominee; and

WHEREAS, eligible nominees include individuals, organizations or business entities in or serving the Haines Borough; and

WHEREAS, nominations shall be made on the Community Builder Nomination form and submitted to the Borough Mayor by October 31 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly shall consider the eligible nominations at an executive session held in November and the resulting Community Builder for that year shall be affirmed by a minimum of five (5) assembly votes; and

WHEREAS, at the first meeting held in December, the Mayor shall read a proclamation honoring the Community Builder chosen, and award the sum of \$1,000 to the Community Builder,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Haines Borough hereby establishes the annual Community Builder Award program and shall annually appropriate \$1,000 from Fund 01 to support the program.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 26th of September, 2023.



Douglas Olerud, Borough Mayor

Attest:



Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk



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Nomination Form

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Nominee Cindy Zuluaga Jimenez

- (Check One) Individual
- Organization/Association (non-government, nontribal – see below)
- Business
- Government, Agency/Tribe

How are you related to your nominee, if you are? _____
(Check if applicable) I am not related to the nominee. X

1. Describe what the nominee has done (tangible thing created, produced or realized, or exhibited leadership or behavior) that moves you to make this nomination. This can be an effort over time or a single action. If it is an investment of time and/or money, do your best to value the measure (time and money) in real terms. Use additional paper if necessary.

Headed up Haines Recreational Group (RERC) through Haines Economic Development Council (HEDC) involving a broad base of community members + securing support from local, state, + federal funders + facilitators, volunteers in winter teaching Spanish for free through a series of classes available to anyone interested.

2. Explain how what you have described above improves the quality of life for residents of the Haines Borough. Who has it helped? How has it helped? Why does it matter, or of what consequence? Use additional paper if necessary.

Ability + willingness to address complex issues in a positive manner involving all members of community beyond to achieve common goals through skillful communications +

Nominator Kathleen Merke (printed name)

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Email address k@akmk.com

Resident address 515 Mud Bay Rd / PO Box 781

Signature of Nominator Kath

Printed Name and Signature of Supporter Kathleen Merke
Kath

interested + heads up innovative community composting program represents community with a positive face at all times

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Haines Borough Community Builder Award Program Description and Nomination Form

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Nomination Form

Nominee: **Four Winds Resource Center at Mosquito Lake School**

(Check One) Individual Organization/Association (non-government, nontribal – see below) Business Government, Agency/Tribe

How are you related to your nominee, if you are? **Board Member**

(Check if applicable) I am not related to the nominee. _____

1. Describe what the nominee has done (tangible thing created, produced or realized, or exhibited leadership or behavior) that moves you to make this nomination. This can be an effort over time or a single action. If it is an investment of time and/or money, do your best to value the measure (time and money) in real terms. Use additional paper if necessary.

The FWRC created a 6,00 square foot community garden which has been in full production since 2020, hosts weekly yoga and upper valley children's play group, created kids art camp, distributes monthly food boxes with the Salvation Army, hosts monthly game night, created tool library which includes a log splitter which is much needed by rural residents. The FWRC will be partnering with the SE Alaska Food Bank to provide a food pantry to residents, once the MOU is finalized with the Haines Borough

The FWRC has created partnerships with Rural Cap, Chilkat Valley Community Foundation, Rasmusson Foundation, Salvation Army, Ecotrust, Lynn Canal Conservation and the Haines Senior Center.

This has been accomplished solely with volunteer support.

2. Explain how what you have described above improves the quality of life for residents of the Haines Borough.

The facility and the programs provide a welcoming space with activities specific to the needs of the community; everyone is welcome.

Who has it helped?

The FWRC has helped everyone who chooses to participate, specifically the food insecure, money residents, children wanting to engage in fun activities and people needing to utilize tools they could not afford to purchase themselves.

How has it helped?

FWRC nurtures a sense of belonging and fosters responsibility to take charge of creating a community space for all.

Why does it matter, or of what consequence? Use additional paper if necessary.

The community needs a place where everyone is welcome and no money is exchanged. Inclusion and belonging are foundational to a sense of security and motivation a positive contribution to society.

Nominator Erika Merklin (printed name)

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Email address erikajane@yahoo.com

Resident address hc 60 box 2618 haines, ak 99827

Signature of Nominator _____

Printed Name and Signature of Supporter _____

Erika Merklin

Printed Name and Signature of Supporter Stacey Powlison Stacey Powlison

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Nominee: Shelby Flemming

(Check One) Individual

Organization/Association (non-government, nontribal – see below)

Business

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How are you related to your nominee, if you are?

(Check if applicable) I am not related to this nominee.

1. Describe what the nominee has done (tangible thing created, produced or realized, or exhibited leadership or behavior) that moves you to make this nomination. This can be an effort over time or a single action. If it is an investment of time and/or money, do your best to value the measure (time and money) in real terms.

Use additional paper if necessary.

Shelby has been teaching yoga **for free** at the Four Winds Resource Center at the Mosquito Lake School for approximately 4 years. She works full time for Fish and Game, yet finds the time to come to the School every Tuesday evening to teach. Shelby is also on the Board for the Four Winds Resource Center where she acts as secretary, a time consuming job. She impresses many people as a person who is interested in making her upper valley community a better place by offering local residents a chance to meet together for a healthy and fun activity.

Shelby is essential to the total operation of the community center through her participation on the Board. She is energetic and willing to put in the hard work. The Four Winds Resource Center at the Mosquito Lake School depends on volunteers to keep it vibrant and functional. Shelby always

shows up to set up for events and clean-up afterwards. We in the Upper Valley really appreciate Shelby's dedication to make this community thrive year around. It is difficult to measure Shelby's contributions in time and money, but a yoga class in town will cost you \$10 to \$15. Now multiply that by 52 weeks in a year over 4 years $(208) \times \$10$ to $\$15 = \$2,008$ to $\$3,120$ (this is approximate). Then add all her volunteer hours to keep the Resource Center viable and we come up with an incalculable figure for the residents of the Upper Valley. It's worth a reminder that the Upper Valley does not have the resources and variety of opportunities available in town, so Shelby's contributions are that much more valuable.

2. Explain how what you have described above improves the quality of life for residents of the Haines Borough. Who has it helped? How has it helped? Why does it matter, or of what consequence? Use additional paper if necessary.

Shelby's work has improved the lives of countless residents of our Upper Valley community. She has helped to bring a healthy practice to those who attend her classes regardless of their ability to pay. (Usually between 6 to 8 men and women per class depending on the time of year.) Her volunteer work has benefitted many local and town people who have attended our many events at the Mosquito Lake School. It is not unusual to have 50 to 100 people at these events.

This resource matters! It is the only community resource of its kind in the upper valley. Shelby has an integral and essential part in making this community asset viable.

Nominator: Julie Korsmeyer

Telephone number: 907 767-5456

Email address: jkwinner526@gmail.com

Resident address: PO Box 1561 Haines, AK 99827

Signature of Nominator:



Printed Name and Signature of Supporter:

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Nominee DOUGLAS OLERUD

- (Check One) Individual
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How are you related to your nominee, if you are? No
 (Check if applicable) I am not related to the nominee. NOT RELATED

1. Describe what the nominee has done (tangible thing created, produced or realized, or exhibited leadership or behavior) that moves you to make this nomination. This can be an effort over time or a single action. If it is an investment of time and/or money, do your best to value the measure (time and money) in real terms. Use additional paper if necessary.

Douglas gave 3 years of unselfish public service ^{while} serving as mayor. He brought a higher level of civility, respect and accountability of proper government process and meeting process to Haines.

2. Explain how what you have described above improves the quality of life for residents of the Haines Borough. Who has it helped? How has it helped? Why does it matter, or of what consequence? Use additional paper if necessary.

Douglas provided high level leadership to help the community of Haines quickly recover from the 12/2020 weather event and COVID-19 epidemic. This helped the entire community.

Nominator DAVID LONG (printed name)

Telephone number 907 713 5380
 Email address hainesrealestate@gmail.com
 Resident address 769 SMALL TRACTS ROAD

Signature of Nominator *David Long*

Printed Name and Signature of Supporter Pamela Long
Pamela Long

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Nominee HAINES Huts - Trails

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(Check One) Individual

Organization/Association (non-government, nontribal – see below)

Business

Government, Agency/Tribe

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Nominator REBEZIA HYLTON (printed name)

Telephone number 907-612-0296

Email address rebahylton907@gmail.com

Resident address 215 Willard, HAINES

Signature of Nominator [Handwritten Signature]

Printed Name and Signature of Supporter Suzanne Villet-Sinclair
[Handwritten Signature]

Haines Huts and Trails deserves to be recognized with a Community Builder Award for their remarkable initiative in constructing a cabin on Takshanuk Mountain. As a resident of the Haines community, I am moved to make this nomination based on their exceptional commitment to enhancing the local quality of life. Haines Huts and Trails, as a grassroots non-profit organization, exemplifies the spirit of community and dedication to the betterment of our town. The construction of the cabin on Takshanuk Mountain is not merely a structure; it is a symbol of their long-term commitment to our community and the visitors who come to experience our beautiful region.

The cabin on Takshanuk Mountain stands as a testament to the organization's vision and hard work. It will undoubtedly serve as a welcoming retreat for both locals and visitors, enhancing the outdoor recreational opportunities in our region. This endeavor fosters a sense of togetherness, encouraging more people to explore the natural beauty of our area. By providing such a resource, Haines Huts and Trails is contributing significantly to the overall well-being of our community, making it more attractive to residents, potential residents and tourists alike. Their dedication to creating a lasting impact and a better quality of life for everyone in Haines makes them a deserving candidate for the Community Builder Award.

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Nominee Douglas Olerud

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How are you related to your nominee, if you are? Not related

(Check if applicable) I am not related to the nominee.

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See attached.

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See attached.

Nominator Alekka Fullerton (printed name)

Telephone number 907-766-6402

Email address afullerton@haines.ak.us

Resident address 1068 Mud Bay Rd

Signature of Nominator 

Printed Name and Signature of Supporter Kiersten Long
Kiersten Long - Deputy Clerk

Attachment to Community Builder Award nomination form for:

Douglas Olerud

Describe what the nominee has done (tangible thing created, produced or realized, or exhibited leadership or behavior) that moves you to make this nomination. This can be an effort over time or a single action. If it is an investment of time and/or money, do your best to value the measure (time and money) in real terms.

Doug has guided this community through some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable. His stalwart support of the Haines Borough and all of its inhabitants is evident in all he does. He led us through an international pandemic, fatal local landslide, economic turmoil, to name a few. He has been an unfailing advocate for Haines both within the community and outside the Borough. He has represented us on the Alaska Municipal League board, in Juneau and in Washington D.C. He has met with countless state and federal officials advocating for Haines. He has dedicated hours of time daily to Haines Borough government and compensated very little for that time. But more than that. Doug cares. He really cares. He wore the mantle of leadership in the best possible way—always taking the time to meet with people, listen to them and thoughtfully consider their concerns and ideas.

Explain how what you have described above improves the quality of life for residents of the Haines Borough. Who has it helped? How has it helped? Why does it matter, or of what consequence?

Tangibly, Doug has been instrumental in bringing both state and federal money to Haines through his unceasing advocacy.

Intangibly, but more importantly to me, Doug has fostered positive relationships in the Borough. He has lead this community with intelligence, compassion and love. I have seen Doug espouse positions good for the community even if he, personally, did not believe in them. I know for a fact that all decisions weighed heavily on Doug and he always listened to people with thoughtful consideration. He asks questions and solved problems. Doug encouraged others to be the best version of themselves.

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Nominee Chilkoot Indian Association (CIA)

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CIA dedicated 70+ acres of wooded & wetlands to location, construction & maintenance of a pedestrian trail system ~~enjo~~ to be enjoyed by all residents, visitors and their canine friends between Third Avenue (S) and West Fair Drive. Construction spanned 2-3 years. The design & construction methods demonstrate appreciation for the natural environment. Estimated Cost: \$250K+ Maintenance & Depreciation: \$10K annual

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The trail is ADA accessible & open for all to use. It is an exemplary investment in community infrastructure that encourages learning (flora & fauna) (hydroponics) and healthful activities (walking) as well as spiritual growth, either meandering alone, with your dog or enjoying quiet time with a friend away from traffic & noise of commerce.

Nominator Debra J. Schnabel (printed name)

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 Resident address 1 W Bjornstad Drive

Signature of Nominator *Debra J. Schnabel*

Printed Name and Signature of Supporter J.R. Churchill
J.R. Churchill