

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting a State Parks Recreational Trails Program Grant for the Haines Area Trails Access Rehabilitation project.**

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough encompasses approximately 2,319 square miles of land and a population of approximately 2,500 people within the communities of the Haines Borough, including Haines, Klukwan, Mosquito Lake, Porcupine and Excursion Inlet; and

**WHEREAS**, the natural beauty of the area lends itself to diverse recreational opportunities which include, hiking, camping, sport and subsistence fishing and hunting, boating on the salt and fresh waters of the Chilkat Valley and Lynn Canal, skiing and wildlife viewing; and

**WHEREAS**, Haines residents enjoy using Haines Area State Parks trails including Battery Point Trail, Mt. Riley Trail, Ayikluta Trail (formerly known as Seduction Point Trail) and Council Grounds Trail between 19 and 21 mile Haines Highway; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the significant wind events of 2019 and 2020, the above trails have suffered due to downed trees and other trail hazards which existing Parks staff have not had the resources to clear; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan identifies Goal 14 which is to provide a diversity of parks, recreation facilities, trails, and open spaces to foster the health and wellness of Haines residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a grant in the amount of \$25,000 would allow the local Alaska State Park – Haines District to improve trail access points and support the clearing of the trails; and

**WHEREAS**, the project has broad-spread community support including the support of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the hiring of two local trail crew members would help ameliorate the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the people of the Haines Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has required social distancing, and outdoor recreation on trails is an excellent way for Haines Borough residents to remain safe and healthy; and

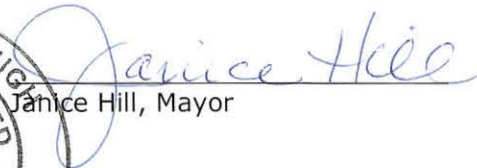
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly supports the efforts of the Alaska State Parks- Haines District to pursue grant funding from the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation's Recreational Trails Program to hire trail crew members to improve trails access within the Haines Area State Parks and a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Outdoor Recreational Trails Advisory Board.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

Attest:

  
Alekka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk



  
Janice Hill, Mayor