

Gustavus Community Association



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A Resolution in Support of a Southeast Alaska Trail System (SEATrails)

WHEREAS, trails are an important part of a community's basic infrastructure, and they can contribute significantly to the health, quality of life, and economy of the Gustavus area, and

WHEREAS, trails are a popular and cost-effective way to improve the health and quality of life for all the residents in a community, and

WHEREAS, outdoor trails and associated businesses can provide opportunities by creating jobs that allow residents to support themselves and their families in the Southeast community of their choice, and

WHEREAS, trails provide opportunities for young people to gain work experience, job training, life skills, and education by working together on trail projects, and

WHEREAS, working on trails provides a way for young people to serve and contribute to the health and quality of life of residents in a community, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Alaska Trails System (SEATrails) is a proposed regional network of hiking, biking, boating, kayaking, scuba diving, skiing, wheelchair accessible and any other type of trail imaginable, and

WHEREAS, such a regional approach will have greater marketing opportunities in the form of regional maps, comprehensive trail information, and the facilitation of services needed to promote trail use, and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of trails in SEATrails will be locally determined and controlled, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Marine Highway and 24 other Southeast Alaska local governments and organizations have agreed to participate in SEATrails;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GUSTAVUS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION that The Gustavus Community Association endorses and supports the concept of a Southeast Alaska Trails System, to be known as SEATrails.

FURTHERMORE, The Gustavus Community Association endorses and supports the creation of a coalition of communities, government agencies, trail organizations, and citizens to bring about the creation and promotion of SEATrails.

Passed by majority vote of the GCA membership at the November 13 General Meeting



Greg Streyer, Chairman