

**City of Gustavus, Alaska**

**Resolution No. 2008-29**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL TO ‘CONSTRUCT A  
COMMUNITY-WIDE BROADBAND NETWORK’ FOR FUNDING  
THROUGH THE STATE OF ALASKA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Gustavus Community Network (GCN) has successfully provided internet service to the community of Gustavus since 1996 and has a solid record of creativity and self-sufficiency;

**WHEREAS**, existing dial-up internet service provided to the majority of GCN subscribers is plagued by sub-standard telephone lines, hampering service and resulting in a substantial decline in GCN subscribers;

**WHEREAS**, private satellite internet services available in Gustavus suffer from high-latency, high cost, low performance and do not meet the FCC definition of ‘broadband’;

**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 ‘City of Gustavus Strategic Plan 2005’;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, AT&T Alascom will be able to make available low-latency broadband internet service to Gustavus in 2009;

**WHEREAS**, with proper equipment GCN can link to the AT&T Alascom service to provide true broadband internet service to the large majority of the community, while also providing capacity for enhanced emergency services and other advances in communications such as enhanced cell phone coverage;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Gustavus City Council, in an effort to promote economic development, curb out-migration and improve community health by providing low-latency broadband Internet service,

supports for submission the proposal 'Construct a Community-wide Broadband Network' for a CIP grant.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council, this 11th day of December, 2008.

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William Unkel, Mayor

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Paul Berry, Vice Mayor

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Attest: Kapryce Manchester,  
City Clerk