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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 15
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9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION BY THE NORDIC SKI CLUB OF
10 FAIRBANKS TO THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM
11 MATCHING GRANT FOR REQUIRED MAINTENANCE UPGRADES TO EXISTING AREA-
12 WIDE NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS IN THE BIRCH HILL RECREATION AREA AND THE
13 FORT WAINWRIGHT OWNED USE AREA
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15 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division
16 of Parks and Outdoor Recreation administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
17 grants; and
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19 WHEREAS, The Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, Alaska (NSCF) is a qualified
20 applicant for this program; and
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22 WHEREAS, The development of the Birch Hill Recreation Area (BHRA) has
23 received strong community support, and the Borough and the NSCF have received
24 multiple federal, State and non-profit grants to aid this development which have been
25 supported by the Assembly; and
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27 WHEREAS, Non-motorized recreational trail use (especially for cross country
28 skiing) are popular year-round activities at the BHRA; and
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30 WHEREAS, These physical activities are proven to be physically and
31 mentally beneficial to the health of Borough residents; and
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33 WHEREAS, About 11 km of lighted trails are supported at the BHRA/Use
34 Area so that residents can ski after school and work during the many hours of winter
35 darkness; and
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37 WHEREAS, The NSCF provides Junior Nordics, Fairbanks Cross Country,
38 Adult Lessons and Fairbanks Cross Country Masters classes to all ages and skill levels of
39 children and adults; and
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41 WHEREAS, The BHRA provides the only competitive cross-country racing
42 trails in the Fairbanks Area and the interior of Alaska certified by the International Ski
43 Federation; and

44 WHEREAS, These facilities attract an annual series of local, state, national,
45 and international competitive cross-country ski races each year; and

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47 WHEREAS, These competitive events increase economic activity and
48 benefits to the community through increased visitation and tourism; and

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50 WHEREAS, Comprehensive, area-wide trails maintenance has not been
51 undertaken on these trails in the past 15-20 years and such maintenance is necessary in
52 order to maintain the safety and ecological sustainability of the environment and habitat
53 of the area; and

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55 WHEREAS, This grant proposal is for approximately \$150,000 and requires
56 a 10% match of approximately \$15,000 by the NSCF; and

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58 WHEREAS, This project is supported by the 2006 Birch Hill Recreation Area
59 Master Plan and the Borough Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan.


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61 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
62 North Star Borough hereby supports the Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, Alaska's submission
63 of a grant application to the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, for a
64 Recreational Trails Program matching grant, for the required maintenance upgrades to
65 the Birch Hill Recreation/Use Area trails.

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67 ADOPTED THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2021.

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Mindy O'Neall
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


April Trickey, CMC
Borough Clerk

82 Yeses: Tomaszewski, Cooper, Williams, Sanford, Wilson, Lyke, Cash, Lojewski, O'Neall
83 Noes: None