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**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 17-15R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE HIGHER GROUND PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF BUDGETED FY17 FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT ACCESSIBLE GARDEN BEDS.

WHEREAS, \$1,000 is allocated in the FY17 budget for the Garden Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Ground Program provides gardening opportunities to an underserved sector of the community with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Ground Program would promote public awareness of the therapeutic and nutritional benefits of gardening and the benefits of growing food locally; and

WHEREAS, the Skagway Organic Gardening Society can serve as a partner for the program to oversee administration of the program; and

WHEREAS, accessible garden beds can be constructed locally for a minimal cost, with designs based on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines for accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program for the first year is to construct two accessible garden beds to test the feasibility of the program, with more beds built in the future depending upon demand; and

WHEREAS, the program will provide accessible beds to participants on a loan system and free of charge, after determining eligibility through an application process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Skagway Borough Assembly supports the Higher Ground Program to provide gardening opportunities to underserved populations in Skagway, to be administered by the Skagway Organic Gardening Society on behalf of the Municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Skagway Borough Assembly authorizes the use of budgeted FY17 Garden Initiative funds to facilitate the construction of two accessible gardening beds.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 4th day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:

Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



Mark Schaefer, Mayor