

Proposed by:	Parks & Recreation Committee
Attorney Review:	02/09/2018
Vote:	4 Aye 0 Nay 2 Absent

**MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 18-01R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE HIGHER GROUND PROGRAM.**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Skagway Organic Gardening Society serves 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 program provides accessible beds to participants on a loan system and free of charge, after determining eligibility through an application process;

**WHEREAS**, the pilot program in 2016-2017 was successful, with three accessible garden beds constructed and distributed to participants; and

**WHEREAS**, there is community demand for additional accessible garden beds;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Skagway Borough Assembly supports the continuation of 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, subject to available funding each year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** the Skagway Borough Assembly supports the construction of accessible gardening beds as needed in order to meet community demand, subject to available funding each year.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

*Monica Carlson*

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Monica Carlson, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Emily A. Deach*  
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Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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