## CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA RESOLUTION 07-25-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH NVE REGARDING THE TRANSFER, EXCHANGE, MERGER OR SALE OF CITY AND CCMC ASSETS IN FURTHERANCE OF A JOINT COMMUNITY MEDICAL CARE MODEL OF SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted Resolution 05-21-21 on May 5, 2021, expressing support for the exploration of joint medical services involving Native Village of Eyak ('NVE") and the Cordova Community Medical Services Authority ("CCMC"); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council adopted Ordinance 1197, which amended Title 15 of the Cordova Municipal Code to permit the City to use an alternative disposal method when it finds, via resolution, that the use of an alternative disposal method is necessary to promote the best interests of City residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cordova owns and operates Cordova Community Medical Center (CCMC), a Critical Access Hospital, and is responsible for ensuring access to quality health care services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, CCMC operates with narrow margins and ongoing operational losses, placing a significant financial burden on the City and limiting the sustainability of health care services; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Eyak (NVE), a federally recognized tribe and health care provider, has expressed interest in acquiring CCMC to ensure continued service delivery and long-term health system stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the unique nature and character of medical services within the City and NVE's historic role in providing such services within the community warrant the use of an alternative disposal method allowing the City to explore coordinated medical care options directly with NVE.

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

## **Section 1**

- A. City Council reiterates its support for coordinated medical care by the City and NVE and acknowledges that this approach to medical care may increase access, quality, and affordability in the medical services provided within the City.
- B. City Council finds that, with the exception of CCMC, there are no other medical service providers within the City with NVE's breadth of experience providing medical services to the Cordova community and that this unique relationship requires the use of alternative methods under CCMC 15.10.070 to explore options for the coordination of community medical services between CCMC and NVE, to include but not be limited to the dissolution, disposal, substantial restructuring, exchange, sale or transfer of an interests in CCMC or in City real property.

- C. City Council finds that negotiations with NVE regarding joint medical services cannot be completed without the use of an alternative disposal method and that such a method is necessary to promote the best interests of City residents and visitors for the reasons stated throughout this Resolution.
- D. City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to begin negotiations with NVE regarding the provision of joint medical services, including the organization of the CCMC Joint Administration Negotiation Team under CMC 15.10.080 and working with CCMC, NVE leaders, and the community-at-large.

## PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JULY 2025.

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Kristin Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk