## CITY OF THORNE BAY RESOLUTION 19-02-05-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, ALASKA, ENDORSING HOPE'S APPLICATION FOR THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES GUARANTEED LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE A TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITY (HOPE HOUSE) ON PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need for support, advocacy, and transitional housing services to address concerns of domestic violence and sexual assault in communities on Prince of Wales Island (POW); and

**WHEREAS,** we appreciate the efforts HOPE has made over the years to provide services to victims of interpersonal violence on POW; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council is aware that there is a continuing need for expansion of HOPE'S services to provide for housing for victims; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Council believes that HOPE has the ability to undertake this project and will work to provide safety and independence for survivors and their children.

**WHEREAS,** the City of Thorne Bay supports their efforts to implement this program completely.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council for the City of Thorne Bay, endorses HOPE's application for the *USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan and Grant Program* to purchase a transitional housing facility (HOPE House) on Prince of Wales Island.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of Thorne Bay agrees to participate in the proposed project by referring community members in need of transitional housing services to HOPE, by providing information for community education on issues of domestic violence, and by promoting programs and healthy family activities sponsored by HOPE.

PASSED AND APPROVED February 5, 2019

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC



## **CITY OF THORNE BAY**

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February 5, 2019

United States Department of Agriculture Jerry Ward, State Director 800 West Evergreen, Suite 201 Palmer, AK 99645-6539

Dear Mr. Ward:

The City Council for the City of Thorne Bay recognizes the need for support, advocacy, and transitional housing services to address concerns of domestic violence and sexual assault in communities on Prince of Wales Island (POW). We appreciate the efforts HOPE has made over the years to provide services to victims of interpersonal violence on POW. We are also aware that there is a continuing need for expansion of HOPE's services to provide for housing for victims. We endorse HOPE's application for the *USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan and Grant Program* to purchase a transitional housing facility (HOPE House) on Prince of Wales Island. We believe that HOPE will work to provide safety and independence for survivors and their children. We know that HOPE has the ability to undertake this project, and we support their efforts to implement this program completely.

The City of Thorne Bay supports HOPE and agrees to participate in the proposed project by referring community members in need of transitional housing services to HOPE, by providing information for community education on issues of domestic violence, and by promoting programs and healthy family activities sponsored by HOPE. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with HOPE and working toward our common goal of safe, violence-free communities on Prince of Wales.

Sincerely,

Lee Q. Burger

Vice Mayor

City of Thorne Bay

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