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RE: Cordova Outdoor Spaces Project cordovacoveredspaces@gmail.com

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Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern,

The Cordova Family Resource Center (CFRC) is committed to helping families and victims of violent crimes in time of crisis. CFRC provides individuals as well as families with a multitude of social services. We work hard to support those individuals and families within our service area of Cordova, Chenega Bay and Tatitlek.

Our staff provides educational workshops, prevention activities, parenting classes, supervised visitation, accompaniment to the court and medical facilities. CFRC leads the Disability Abuse Response Team and are part of both the Sexual Assault Response Team and the Child Advocacy Center Team. We also maintain a 24-hour Help Line and a Text-Line (7am -11 pm) which is manned by trained volunteers and staff.

The Cordova Family Resource Center is pleased to offer support for the Cordova Covered Spaces Project. CFRC often sees individuals during their worst and most challenging times. Finding positive outdoor activities that are covered and safe can be a challenge. This project would be beneficial to not only those we serve, but to all Cordovans in several ways. The consequences of interpersonal violence, mental health, substance misuse and daily stressor have an ongoing impact on individuals, families and the community. Especially when the weather is rainy and cold. This project will provide a respite for those individuals through educational opportunities, to gain an enhanced appreciation for our natural environment at safe covered locations.

We would like to encourage the development of the public use spaces along our shorelines and Lake Eyak and support the efforts of the Cordova Covered Outdoor Spaces Project.

Sincerely,

Nicole Songer Executive Director