

**PROVIDING FOR:** Authorization to submit a letter of support.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Millinocket Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Northern Forest Center's collaborative grant application to the Northern Border Regional Commission.

**PASSED BY THE COUNCIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

March 14, 2019

Harold Parker  
Federal Co-Chair  
Northern Border Regional Commission

Dear Mr. Parker:

My name is John Davis and I am the Town Manager of Millinocket, Maine. It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support on behalf of the Town Council in favor of the Northern Forest Center's collaborative grant application to the Northern Border Regional Commission.

This request is perfectly aligned with the mission that the Council, Our Katahdin, the Northern Forest Center, and the Katahdin Tourism Partnership has envisioned for several years. This endeavor includes Downtown Infrastructure Improvements, Downtown Business and Community Facility Development, Recreation Connectivity and Development, Community Branding and Marketing, plus Community Capacity Building and Regional Connectivity.

The town is thrilled and excited about the investment the Northern Forest Center in making in Millinocket. The Center has successfully reached its initial goal of raising \$1 million for its Millinocket Housing Initiative Fund and put the money to work directly in the community. The plan is to acquire and renovate up to 10 homes in Millinocket, and as of January 2018, it has purchased six properties. The fact that they are using local people to do the work speaks volumes, prompting one contractor to say "We're glad the Northern Forest Center is here and helping fix up these homes. It's nice to know that our work is recognized and appreciated by them. It feels good to be part of something positive that will help the community."

Awarding this grant to the Northern Forest Center will not only benefit the Town of Millinocket, it will also create an economic boost for the Katahdin Region. Thanks for your attention, consideration, and time.

Best,

John Davis  
Millinocket Town Manager