




Fairbanks North Star Borough

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MEMORANDUM

To: Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

From: Bryce Ward, Mayor 

Date: April 22, 2021

Subject: Resolution 2021 – 17
Supporting Construction of the Fairbanks to Seward Multi-Use Trail – aka: “The Alaska Long Trail”

Attached for your consideration is a resolution supporting an effort to construct a 500-mile trail from Seward to Fairbanks. The initiative is being put together by a number of coalition partners, and is anticipated to expand recreation opportunities, encourage tourism, create jobs and overall economic development.

More information about the Alaska Long Trail initiative can be found here: www.alaska-trails.org/the-alaska-long-trail

I urge your adoption of this resolution.

attachment: Resolution

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By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor
Introduced: 04/22/2021

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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 17

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9 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FAIRBANKS TO SEWARD
10 MULTI-USE TRAIL, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ALASKA LONG TRAIL
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12 WHEREAS, The Alaska Long Trail is an initiative sponsored by a coalition of
13 partners and led by Alaska Trails that seeks to establish a 500-mile trail from Seward to
14 Fairbanks; and

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16 WHEREAS, The Alaska Long Trail route will utilize the Equinox Marathon
17 Trail and trails in the Isberg Recreation Area; and

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19 WHEREAS, Planned improvements on the Equinox Marathon Trail and trails
20 in the Isberg Recreation Area are consistent with the 2006 Comprehensive Recreational
21 Trail Plan, the Isberg Recreation Area Master Plan, and the 2019 Capital Improvement
22 Plan; and

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24 WHEREAS, These trail building projects will provide much needed jobs for
25 Alaskan residents; and

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27 WHEREAS, The Alaska Long Trail will be an attractive destination that
28 encourages visitors to spend time and money in Alaska; and

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30 WHEREAS, The Alaska Long Trail will particularly draw highly sought-after
31 independent travelers from around the world, helping to create jobs and new
32 opportunities for Alaskan tourism and hospitality businesses; and

34 WHEREAS, The Alaska Long Trail would expand recreation opportunities for
35 the local community, responding to the dramatic increases in demand for outdoor
36 recreation, and providing more chances for Alaska residents to be active, healthy and
37 happy outside; and

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39 WHEREAS, The trails that would be built to sustainable standards to greatly
40 reduce the costs for trail maintenance; and

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42 WHEREAS, Fairbanks North Star Borough communities stand to benefit
43 from job creation, business opportunities, tax revenue, and expanded recreation
44 opportunities; and

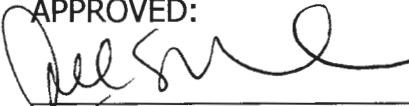
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46 WHEREAS, Now is the time to invest in a sustainable future for the
47 Fairbanks North Star Borough and Alaska by supporting the development of a route that
48 will stand alongside the other grand trails of the world.

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50 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks
51 North Star Borough hereby supports the construction of the Fairbanks to Seward Multi-
52 Use Trail, also known as the Alaska Long Trail.

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54 ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2021.

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58 Mindy O'Neill
59 Presiding Officer

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61 ATTEST:
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64 April Trickey, CMC
65 Borough Clerk

APPROVED:


Jill S. Dolan
Borough Attorney