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RESOLUTION 2004-002

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE STERLING HIGHWAY AS A STATE SCENIC BYWAY BETWEEN SKILAK ROAD AND ANCHOR POINT BY THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES.

Whereas, The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) has designated the Sterling Highway as a State Scenic Byway between Wye and Skilak Road (38 miles) and between Anchor Point and Homer (23 miles) for its outstanding scenic qualities; and

Whereas, The remaining undesignated portion of the Sterling Highway has world class salmon and halibut fishing and clamming that is second to none in the world and attracts residents and visitors to the Kenai Peninsula's rich waters accessible by the Sterling Highway; and

Whereas, The undesignated portion of the Sterling Highway also has regionally significant recreational, cultural, historical and natural qualities found in numerous hiking and camping opportunities, Russian Orthodox culture, rich Native American and Cook Expedition history, and the volcanoes that line Cook Inlet visible from the Sterling Highway; and

Whereas, The national and regional qualities along the undesignated portion of the Sterling Highway when combined with the outstanding scenic qualities along the State designated portions creates an enjoyable traveling opportunity for those who visit and use the Sterling Highway; and

Whereas, These visitors can enhance the economies of the communities along the entire Sterling Highway as well as benefiting the whole Kenai Peninsula; and

Whereas, The process and final outcome for seeking Byway designation is based on a partnership planning that involves local communities, individuals, and interested groups and specifically does not involve regulation or land use restrictions of any lands or assets along the Sterling Highway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE *Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council* OF the Kenai Peninsula THAT:

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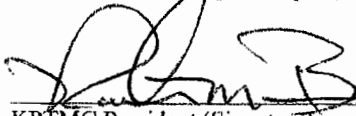
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The ADOT&PF is encouraged to designate the Sterling Highway between Skilak Road and Anchor Point as a State Scenic Byway and that *the Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council* wishes to be included in the byway partnership planning process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Once the entire Sterling Highway from Wye to the Homer Spit is designated a State of Alaska Scenic Byway, we support the pursuit of the Sterling Highway as an America's Byway for 2005 and creating the first America's Byway loop to include the Sterling Highway, the Seward All American Road, and the Alaska's Marine Highway National Byway, and the benefits associated with the America's Byway program including national marketing and grant opportunities for communities along the Sterling Highway and the entire Kenai Peninsula.

Done this 27th day of April, 2004, in Kenai Peninsula, Alaska.


 KPTMC President (Signature)

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