Introduced by:

Date:

O'Brien

Action:

05/18/99 Adopted

Vote:

9 Yes, 0 No

## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 99-042

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED KENAI MOUNTAINS NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR DESIGNATION

- **WHEREAS**, through National Heritage Corridor designation, Congress recognizes regions of the country that have outstanding, nationally significant, historic, scenic and recreational resources; and
- **WHEREAS,** National Heritage Corridor designation does not impose federal land ownership or regulatory control; and
- WHEREAS, the trails, railroad and road through the Kenai mountains historically served and continues to serve as a major gateway to Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, the Kenai Mountains offer the visitor an opportunity to experience historical and current transportation, timber production and mining activity in a region of spectacular natural beauty; and
- **WHEREAS,** by recognizing the national significance of the region, the designation will serve to attract tourists; and
- WHEREAS, in 15 other regions of the United States, National Heritage Corridors have proven to be a popular and successful means of assisting communities in accomplishing locally identified projects which enhance and develop tourism resources; and
- **WHEREAS,** Goal 7.3 of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Trail Plan is to design, manage, and maintain trails in ways that help protect and maintain natural and cultural resources; and
- WHEREAS, the Alaska Visitors Association, Kenai Peninsula Borough Trails Commission, Kenai Peninsula Historical Association, Seward Historical Commission, Seward City Council, Hope and Sunrise Historical Society, Hope Chamber of Commerce, Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Cooper Landing Community Club, Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association, Anchorage Historic Properties, Inc., Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau, Cook Inlet Historical Society, Moose Pass Sportsman's Club, and Alaska Historical Association endorse the Kenai Mountains National Heritage Corridor designation;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

**SECTION 1.** The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly expresses its support and sponsorship of efforts to form a Kenai Mountains National Heritage Corridor

**SECTION 2.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY, 1999.

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Ronald Wm. Drathman, Assembly President

ATTEST:

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