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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2004-051**

**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 & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities 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, world class salmon and halibut fishing, and clamming that is second to none in the world, attracts residents and visitors to the Kenai Peninsula's rich waters accessible by the remaining undesignated portion of 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 Captain Cook expedition history, and the volcanoes lining Cook Inlet that are 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, create 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 planning partnership 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 ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities is encouraged to designate the Sterling Highway between Skilak Road and Anchor Point as a State Scenic Byway and that the Kenai Peninsula Borough wishes to be included in the byway partnership planning process.

SECTION 2. Once the entire Sterling Highway from Wye to the Homer Spit is designated a State of Alaska Scenic Byway, the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports 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. The borough also supports pursuing 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.

SECTION 3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS * DAY OF *, 2004.

Pete Sprague, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk