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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2005-021**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ADDRESS THE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS
RELATING TO MILEPOST 166 - 169 OF THE STERLING HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, Milepost 166 to approximately Milepost 169 of the Sterling Highway (the top of Baycrest Hill at the “Overlook” north to the intersection with Diamond Ridge Road) is among the most dangerous and deadly roadways in the state; and

WHEREAS, this portion of the highway was originally on the State of Alaska Department of Transportation (DOT) 2001-2003 STIP List (Need ID # 2670) with a funded amount of \$19 Million, and again in the 2002-2004 STIP List with \$16.2 Million to be expended in 2006 for reconstruction, but the project has been inexplicably removed in future STIP Lists; and

WHEREAS, in the past ten years, this section of the highway has been repaved, restriped, and some improvements were made to the shoulders, however, many serious and sometimes fatal accidents continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, this section of the highway has a curve and grade; it is susceptible to black ice formation; and has several ingress/egress points with limited visibility; and

WHEREAS, lowering the speed limit, installing rumble strips and the addition of warning lights at Milepost 168 - 169 would be a welcome first remedy—local law enforcement officials continue to stress the need to widen and straighten this portion of the Sterling Highway; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of public safety for the citizens of the borough and our visitors to request the Alaska DOT begin immediate improvements to Milepost 166 - 169 of the Sterling Highway;

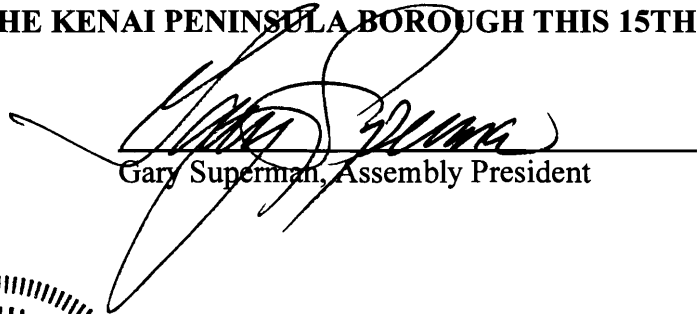
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the dangerous situation on the Sterling Highway from Milepost 166 - 169 and requests immediate attention and improvements by the Alaska Department of Transportation.

SECTION 2. The copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Murkowski; Department of Transportation Commissioner Mike Barton; Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Representative Don Young, Senators Bunde, Kookesh, Stevens, and Wagoner, and Representatives Chenault, Hawker, Olson, Salmon and Seaton.

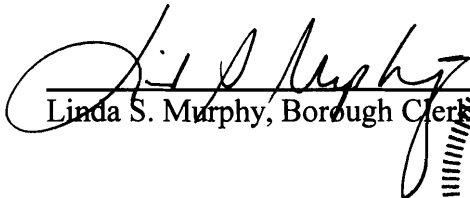
SECTION 3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 2005.



Gary Superman, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

