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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 2000-035

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPLETION OF THE IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL FROM SEWARD TO GIRDWOOD

- WHEREAS, the Iditarod National Historic Trail is the only National Historic Trail (NHT) in the State of Alaska; and
- WHEREAS, the Iditarod Trail has been recognized as a National Millennium Trail, reflecting significant defining aspects of the Nation's history and culture; and
- WHEREAS, the Iditarod National Historic Trail begins in the City of Seward; and
- WHEREAS, much of the original Iditarod Trail within the Borough has been overlain by the Alaska Railroad and Seward Highway; and
- WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management designated a "public use alternative route" within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and
- WHEREAS, a comprehensive management plan for the Iditarod NHT was completed by the Bureau of Land Management in 1986; and
- WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough has supported the management objectives of the Iditarod National Historical Trail Comprehensive Plan through a 1989 Memorandum of Understanding, and
- WHEREAS, KPB Resolution 92-097 established a management corridor for the Iditarod NHT across Borough managed land, and
- WHEREAS, approximately 38 miles of the Iditarod Trail have been completed within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and approximately 40 miles remain to be developed; and
- WHEREAS, completion of the Iditarod NHT will benefit Borough residents, businesses, and visitors;

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

- **SECTION 1.** That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognizes the historic significance and contemporary value of the Iditarod National Historic Trail and supports completion of the Trail from Seward to Girdwood, and
- **SECTION 2.** That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough supports efforts of the Seward Iditarod Trailblazers, Iditarod National Historic Trail Inc., the Chugach National Forest, and others to obtain funding for completion of the Iditarod National Historic Trail from Seward to Girdwood.

SECTION 3. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2000.

William Popp, Assembly President

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