

DENALI BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 07-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF
THE SOUTH CENTRAL RAILROAD LINE EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, bulk natural resource development and export is important to the economy of the Denali Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Port MacKenzie, with its 8,940 acres of industrial development lands and deep draft dock, is a developing port with great potential for bulk natural resource transport; and

WHEREAS, Port MacKenzie is capable of handling panamax and cape size vessels; and

WHEREAS, Port MacKenzie is approximately 26, 90 and 140 miles closer to tide water than the existing ports of South Central Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a shorter distance to tide water will make resource development within Interior and South Central Alaska more economical, by lowering transport costs; and

WHEREAS, the shorter rail distance to tide water will further stimulate the use and export of coal and other mineral developments within the Denali Borough, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and Interior Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the rail extension provides a more efficient system for transporting coal to tidewater and thus will likely make the Agrium "Kenai Blue Sky" Project more feasible, which will benefit the Kenai Peninsula Borough as well as the rest of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the rail extension will make development of various natural resources (coal, limestone, sand and gravel, timber and metallic minerals, etc.) located within the railbelt and interior significantly more feasible; and

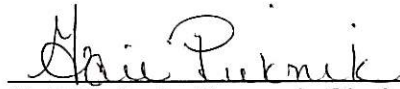
WHEREAS, this economic activity will contribute to the Denali Borough economy, tax base and employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough strongly supports the South Central Alaska Rail Line Extension from Willow to Port MacKenzie.

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 14th day of MARCH, 2007.


David M. Talerico, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)



PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hall, Schenk, Evans, Mercer, Holmes, Berry