

**DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 07-29**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE GEORGE A. PARKS  
HIGHWAY FROM HEALY TO FAIRBANKS AS A STATE SCENIC BYWAY**

WHEREAS, the George A. Parks Highway is a world-class scenic highway and represents the best of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Interior Alaskans benefit greatly from the independent traveler largely due to the fact that the region is accessible by vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Fairbanks is the hub for extraordinary scenic drives from the southeast along the Alaska and Richardson highways; to the north along the Elliott and Dalton highways; as well as the Parks Highway which runs south through Denali National Park, Denali State Park to Wasilla ; and

WHEREAS, this scenic highway crosses two boroughs, Denali and Fairbanks North Star; three incorporated cities, Anderson, Nenana and Fairbanks; as well as several unincorporated communities including Cantwell, Healy, and Ester; and

WHEREAS, this 216-mile stretch of highway encompasses the epitome of Alaska's vastness: two mountain ranges, the Alaska Range and the Talkeetna Mountains; views of North America's highest peak, Mt McKinley, in six-million acre Denali National Park and Preserve; runs through the 300,000-acre Denali State Park, crosses over the confluence of the Tanana and Nenana rivers; and affords sweeping scenes of the vast Minto and Tanana flats; and

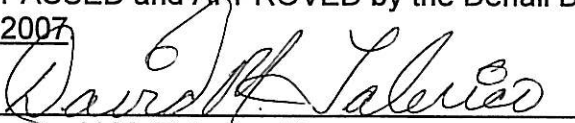
WHEREAS, the road leads travelers to unparalleled wildlife viewing, hiking, snowmachining, berry picking, fishing, whitewater rafting, and kayaking, and many other outdoor pursuits; and


WHEREAS, the road leads to the rich archaeological and cultural heritage of the Athabaskans, the Native peoples of Alaska's Interior; the history of the Alaska Railroad and trading settlements; and the vibrancy of modern industry, such as coal mining; and

WHEREAS, this byway designation as a state scenic byway, will assist in connecting its communities and businesses to their common stories.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough Assembly recommends approval of a request that the state of Alaska determine that George A. Parks Highway from Healy to Fairbanks be designated a State Scenic Byway.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
2007

  
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David M. Talerico, Mayor

ATTEST:   
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Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

