

**DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 17-14**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGING
CONGRESS TO CREATE A RELIABLE, PREDICTABLE STREAM OF RESOURCES
TO ADDRESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS IN AMERICA'S NATIONAL
PARK SYSTEM, INCLUDING DENALI NATIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the National Park Service's mission is to "conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in a such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generation"; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Park System had more than 331 million visits, with 2.7 million in Alaska, and 587,000 to Denali National Park; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the Denali Borough benefit from the economic activity associated with visitation to the park; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Park Service estimates park visitors spent more than \$605 million visiting Denali National Park; with the most affected sectors being transportation, hotels, restaurants, excursion activities, retail, gas, and camping.

WHEREAS, in 2016, the National Park Service estimated a deferred maintenance backlog of \$11.3 billion, with over \$109 million in Alaska and \$50 million at Denali National Park.

WHEREAS, a majority of the Denali National Park deferred maintenance backlog relates directly to transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of Congress to maintain America's national parks to ensure our natural places and our history is preserved for future generations, and for the adjacent communities that rely on the direct and indirect economic benefits generated by visits to national park sites.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the governing body of the Denali Borough urges Congress to create a reliable, predictable stream of resources to address deferred maintenance in America's National Park System, including Denali National Park, and to ensure that federal infrastructure initiatives include provisions to address park maintenance.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 13th of September 2017.


MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST: 
AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
ABSENT: TATUM, CHATFIELD

