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DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 18-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF THE NAME BERGH FROM A LAKE TO A PEAK WITHIN THE DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREA OF DENALI NATIONAL PARK.

WHEREAS, the Denali Park Road corridor, which travels primarily through the designated Denali Wilderness, is located entirely within the Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Assembly is the governing body of the Denali Borough; and

WHEREAS, in June 1953, Pilot Knute Bergh and Lt. Gordon Scott were killed in a plane crash near the Stony Creek Bridge of the Denali Park Road; and

WHEREAS, in August 1953, a landslide blocked the channel of Stony Creek, which led to the formation of a new lake; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Superintendent Grant Pearson approved the naming of a nearby peak "Scott Peak" and the new lake "Bergh Lake", writing "We feel that the new lake would be a splendid way to honor Mr. Bergh"; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Bergh Lake drained out, and today this area is unassociated with the name Bergh; and

WHEREAS, the Bergh family has requested the name be transferred to a nearby unnamed peak which overlooks the area; and

WHEREAS, the Wilderness Names Policy of the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) Board of Geographic Names (BGN) states that no new names in wilderness area will be approved unless reason is provided for such an exemption.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough supports the transference of the name Bergh from the obsolete lake to the identified nearby peak.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Denali Borough believes this circumstance, where a named physical formation no longer exists, provides ample cause for such an exemption of the Wilderness Names Policy.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 14th day of February, 2018


MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST: 
AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
ABSENT: ZAPPONE, HOLMES

