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DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 21-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING DENALI NATIONAL PARK'S NENANA RIVER CORRIDOR TRAIL AND RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING EFFORT

WHEREAS, Denali National Park is considering developing trails and related recreational infrastructure in the area of the park between the Nenana River and the Parks Highway; and

WHEREAS, this non-wilderness area is currently undeveloped, but has been considered for trail construction since at least the 1997 Denali National Park Frontcountry Development Concept Plan; and

WHEREAS, the potential improvement options include a hiking path along the Nenana River bluff as previously conceived, a new multi-use trail (open to bicycles) which aligns closer to, but not adjacent to, the Parks Highway, potential campgrounds, and enhanced winter use which could include groomed ski trails; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Land Use and Economic Development Plan, approved January 2018, states a land use goal to “support quality, sustainable, frontcountry recreation and tourism”.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough Assembly enthusiastically supports the Nenana River Corridor trail and recreational infrastructure planning effort and specifically expressly supports the development of both a bluff-side hiking trail and a more direct, but enjoyable, multi-use trail, as well the inclusion of groomed ski trails for winter use.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 10th day of November 2021.

MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST:

AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

VOTE: unanimous with Zimmerman recused due to conflict of interest

