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DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION NO. 23-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IDENTIFYING DENALI BOROUGH FEDERAL PRIORITIES TO SHARE WITH THE ALASKAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough is home to the vital transportation infrastructure of the Parks Hwy and the Alaska Railroad; and

WHEREAS, one of the last at-grade railroad crossing on the Parks (MP 235) is a safety problem and an impediment to the flow of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Assembly supports a planning process to develop the concept of a Denali Regional Airport to better connect and serve residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the PILT program population cap (which does not factor visitors and the services they require) holds the borough's PILT payment far below the national average; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough regularly participates in the State of Alaska Homeland Security Grant program to increase the response capacity of our local responders; and

WHEREAS, the borough is working with partners such as State of Alaska DOT and Denali National Park to make recreation and connectivity improvements, making the borough a safer and more attractive place to live and to visit and looks forward to continued progress.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Denali Borough Assembly respectfully requests the Alaska Congressional Delegation favorably consider:

1. Supporting **removal of At Grade Highway- Railroad Crossing** at Parks Hwy MP 235 via realignment of the Alaska Railroad mainline.
2. Supporting **Denali Regional Airport Project** development.
3. Committing to the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (**PILT**) Program and support of the **Small Population Counties Cap** Amendment.
4. Supporting community resilience through **local disaster preparedness programs**.

5. Supporting the **Federal Lands Access Program** which is key to important improvements in progress.
6. Supporting **Denali National Park Front Country Infrastructure** improvements.
7. Supporting **separated paths connecting Denali National Park with communities and businesses.**

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly this 8th day of February, 2023.



MAYOR CLAY WALKER

ATTEST: 

AMBER RENSHAW, BOROUGH CLERK

VOTE: *unanimous*

