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DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION PC 24-07 INTRODUCED BY: STEVE JONES

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE MCKINLEY COMMUNITY CENTER TO ACQUIRE TITLE OF THE MCKINLEY VILLAGE GRAVEL PIT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, through its Division of Land and Natural Resources (DNR), developed a residential subdivision known as the Village View Subdivision in 1985; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, based on a consensus of the residents of the Village View Subdivision, the Denali Borough adopted the Village View Subdivision Subarea Land Use Plan; and

WHEREAS, the principal objective of the Village View Subdivision Subarea Land Use Plan is to preserve the predominately residential character of the Village View Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough Planning Commission has identified Denali Borough land that is contiguous to the Village View Subdivision as suitable for future residential development; and

WHEREAS, A gravel pit, known as the McKinley Village Pit, is located in the midst of the Village View Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the reclamation plan for the McKinley Village Pit prepared by DNR in 1999 recommended that, upon depletion of its gravel resources, future use of the McKinley Village Pit site should be for a community oriented purpose; and

WHEREAS, since approximately 2021, the McKinley Village Pit's gravel resources have been largely depleted; and

WHEREAS, since approximately 2021, the McKinley Village Pit has not been used for significant gravel extraction and there is no foreseeable likelihood of significant future gravel extraction from the McKinley Village Pit; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Statute 38.50.010(a) permits the director of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, with the consent of the Commissioner, to enter into a disposal of state land in exchange for appropriate consideration, including the value of the benefit to the public of such disposal; and

WHEREAS, the citizens residing in the vicinity of the McKinley Village Pit have expressed their desire to reclaim the McKinley Village Pit so that it can be developed into a public park; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough supports the use of land located within the Denali Borough in a manner consistent with its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the McKinley Community Center has expressed an interest in pursuing on behalf of local residents acquisition of the McKinley Village Pit site from the State of Alaska.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Denali Borough shall support efforts by the McKinley Community Center to acquire from the State of Alaska title to the McKinley Village Pit site for future use as a public park

PASSED and APPROVED by the DENALI BOROUGH ASSEMBLY this 19th day of June, 2024.



Mayor Chris Noel

ATTEST: 

Amber Renshaw, Borough Clerk

VOTE: unanimous

