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- TO: CBERRRSA Chugiak/Birchwood/Eagle River Rural Road Service Area Board 12001 Business Blvd., Room 131 Eagle River, AK 99577 Via email and hand delivery: LittlefieldMH@muni.org
- Re: Resolution of Support for the Continued Maintenance and Operation of Aurora Borealis Road in Chugiak Alaska

To Whom It May Concern:

The Chugiak Community Council met on 4/20/2017 and heard continued testimony on Aurora Borealis Road in Chugiak Alaska. Mark Littlefield and Ted Carlson gave a short overview of the issues surrounding Aurora Borealis.

Background

Like many of the roads originally constructed in our area, the road was pioneered in using heavy equipment without the proper easements. The road has been in use for years and is essential for access to the surrounding community and as a thoroughfare along the west side of the Glenn Highway. Without being properly maintained, emergency vehicles cannot access the residences along Aurora Borealis and the residents of the area will not have access to their residences. The road board is currently working with residents to gain proper right of way for the road. While this process may take many years, it is important to the community to continue maintenance of this road.

The Chugiak Community Council took the following action of the Aurora Borealis Road Issue.

WHEREAS: CBERRRSA has been maintaining the road for an unknown duration of time and a de facto easement exists for the road.

WHEREAS: Aurora Borealis is a historical asset to the community. The winding, narrow nature of the road has a significant historical value to the community.

WHEREAS: Aurora Borealis is designated as a collector in the MOA transportation plan.

WHEREAS: Aurora Borealis is used by emergency vehicles to respond to emergencies in the area and it is critical to the health and welfare of the public that it be maintained.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT The Chugiak Community Council requests that following action be taken on the road.

- CBERRRSA continue to maintain Aurora Borealis until a temporary road easement can be granted.
- MOA and CBERRRSA work toward gaining a permanent easement for the road.
- Aurora Borealis be identified as a historical asset to the community.
- Designate the road as a Country Lane on the MOA transportation plan, effectively removing its status as a collector street that will eventually be upgraded, destroying the historical nature of the road.

The above motion passed unanimously with approximately 16 votes.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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