

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 00-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA IN SUPPORT OF
DESIGNATING THE PALMER-WASILLA HIGHWAY AS THE JAMES ARLAND
ROWLAND, JR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.**

WHEREAS, on May 15, 1999 law enforcement agencies around the country honored fallen officers during Police Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, during this solemn time Alaska State Troopers were processing the crime scene where Officer James Arland Rowland, Jr. was killed earlier that morning just off the Palmer-Wasilla Highway in Palmer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rowland became the first Palmer Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rowland's death was a tremendous tragedy and loss to the Matanuska-Susitna Valley community; and

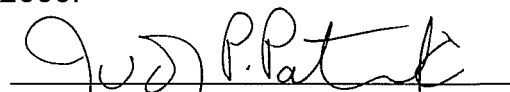
WHEREAS, Officer Rowland grew up in Palmer and lived in Wasilla with his wife, Hallie Rowland and his young son, James Rowland III. Officer Rowland's parents, James Sr. and Wanda still call Palmer their home; and

WHEREAS, Officer Rowland gave his life for what he believed in and his memory will live on.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wasilla supports the passing of House Bill 266 to designate the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as the "James Arland Rowland Jr. Memorial Highway" so Valley residents may always remember Officer Rowland and his loved ones.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on January 24, 2000.

I certify that a resolution in substantially the above form was passed by a majority of those voting at a duly called and conducted meeting of the governing body of the City of Wasilla this 24th day of January, 2000.



JUDY P. PATRICK, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE
City Clerk [SEAL]