

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 00-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE
INDEPENDENCE MINE LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE STATE OF ALASKA
AND ALASKA HARD ROCK, INC.**

WHEREAS, Independence Mine State Historical Park is one of the premier visitor destinations in Southcentral Alaska with over 51,000 summer and winter visitors; and

WHEREAS, Independence Mine State Historical Park is road accessible year around and is only 90 minutes from the Anchorage International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Independence Mine State Historical Park is nearly adjacent to the proposed ski area on Government Peak; and

WHEREAS, that while the buildings at Independence Mine State Historical Park are in relatively good shape and are opened to public tours during the summer, they are deteriorating from lack of maintenance and need renewed attention and support to maintain their structural integrity; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation is rebuilding the access to the mine portal, improving the parking and ADA access, and establishing a good trail system in and around the historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation held a community meeting in March 1997 to discuss options for protecting the historical buildings at Independence Mine State Historical Park and the group felt that adaptive reuse of the buildings for commercial purposes was desirable; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has determined that adaptive reuse of the historic buildings is compatible with the purposes for which the park was established; and

WHEREAS, underground mine tours are necessary to make an adaptive reuse project at Independence Mine State Historical Park economically viable; and

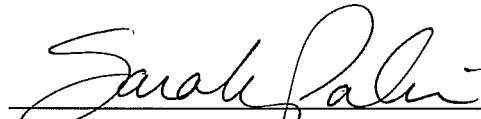
WHEREAS, Alaska Hard Rock, Inc. has agreed to trade the underground tunnel at Independence Mine State Historical Park to the State of Alaska in exchange for general state land in the Willow Creek basin and a final exchange agreement has been signed between the state and Alaska Hard Rock, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the exchange requires legislative approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wasilla supports HB 344 and SB 249, acts which authorize "a land exchange between the Department of Natural Resources and Alaska Hard Rock, Inc. and providing for an effective date."

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on April 10, 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 10th day of April 2000.



SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk

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