

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 02-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL APPLAUDING TODD PALIN
AND DUSTY VANMETER, WINNERS OF THE 2002 TESORO IRON DOG 2000
SNOWMACHINE RACE.**

WHEREAS, the Annual Tesoro Iron Dog 2000 is the world's longest snowmachine race, consisting of approximately 2000 miles from Wasilla to Nome and back to Fairbanks for an exciting finish; and

WHEREAS, the teams have been preparing for months in order to compete in such a challenging environment; and

WHEREAS, Todd Palin, Wasilla resident and husband of Wasilla Mayor Sarah Palin, is a three-time champion previously winning the race in 1995, and in 2000, and now in 2002 with race partner Dusty VanMeter completed the race on February 23, 2002, in 38 hours, 41 minutes and 15 seconds riding Arctic Cat machines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is proud to be the "home" of the Tesoro Iron Dog 2000; and

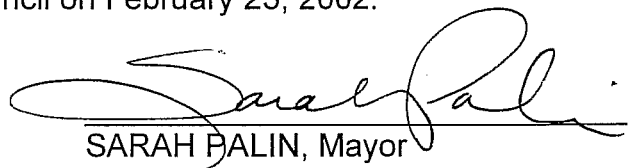
WHEREAS, in the sportsmanship spirit of the City of Wasilla, we hereby acknowledge the team of Palin and VanMeter finishing in first place in the closest race ever for this event with only 1 minute and 33 seconds separating first and second place, giving us one of the most memorable and exciting finishes in race history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council applauds the team of Palin and VanMeter, winners of the Tesoro Iron Dog 2000.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on February 25, 2002.



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

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