Requested by: Mayor

Prepared by: Clerk

Meeting date: February 10, 2003 Adopted: February 10, 2003

Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF WASILLA RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 03-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF THE STATE'S STATEHOOD LAND SELECTIONS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IDENTIFICATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS OF WAY ON FEDERAL LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, section 6(a) of the Statehood act provided that the State of Alaska was entitled to select 102,550,000 million acres of federal land; and

WHEREAS, the state has selected its full entitlement of lands but the federal government has not yet completed the transfer of the lands selected; and

WHEREAS, there are also numerous right-of-way established on federal land within Alaska under Revised Statute 2477 ("RS 2477"), formerly codified as 43 U.S.C. § 932 which provided: "the right-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses, is hereby granted; and

WHEREAS, the state has researched more than 1,600 trails to determine whether the trails established by public use satisfy long recognized criteria; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of title to the State of Alaska of the entitlement land, and the identification and acknowledgement of RS 2477 easements, is vital for the prudent economic development of the entire state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council that the City encourages state and federal agencies to promptly complete the transfer of title to the State of Alaska's entitlement lands and the identification and acknowledgement of RS 2477 and other easements in a timely manner.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on February 10, 2003.

HOWARD O'NEIL, Deputy Mayo

ATTEST:

KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, CMC

City Clerk

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