

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 05-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF MOOSE ESCAPE ROUTES BY THE ALASKA NATIONAL  
GUARD AND/OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.**

WHEREAS, moose avoid areas of deep snow while traveling and foraging in winter; and

WHEREAS, the winters of 2003/2004 were officially the 5<sup>th</sup> highest snowfall on record for South Central Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the plowing and removal of snow from road and railroad rights-of-way create areas attractive to moose; and

WHEREAS, the concentration of moose along road and railroad rights-of-way frequently results in tragic encounters between moose and motor vehicles and trains; and

WHEREAS, collisions between moose and motor vehicles and trains result in the wasteful destruction of moose and pose avoidable risks to the personal safety of Alaskans and to the Alaska economy; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska National Guard possesses the personnel and equipment to ameliorate the problems associated with the concentration of moose along road and railroad rights-of-way by developing escape routes for moose through deep snow to safe areas away from busy rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS one of the functions of the Alaska National Guard is to protect the general health and safety; and

WHEREAS, participation in development of escape routes for moose through deep snow to safe areas away from road and railroad rights-of-way will foster conservation of moose, further the mission of the Alaska National Guard, and provide a meaningful training opportunity for members of the Alaska National Guard.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla City Council respectfully requests Governor Murkowski to direct the Alaska National Guard to participate in developing escape routes, jointly identified by the Department of Fish and Game and the Alaska Moose Federation, for moose through deep snow to safe areas away from road and railroad rights-of-way.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on April 11, 2005.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

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