



# CITY OF WASILLA

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*RE: Letter of Support - Department of Alaska, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Request to Designate Parks Highway as Purple Heart Trail/Highway*

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the Mayor of Wasilla, I am writing to offer my full support regarding the request of the Department of Alaska, Military Order of the Purple Heart, to designate the Parks Highway from Fairbanks to Wasilla as the next Purple Heart Trail/Purple Heart Highway.

The purpose of the Purple Heart Trail is to create a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and other monuments that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. The Purple Heart Trail accomplishes this honorary goal by creating a visual reminder of the sacrifices made for their freedom to travel and live in a free society.

In 2009 a portion of the Alaskan Highway from the Canada /US Border connecting to the Richardson Highway in Delta Junction on to Fairbanks was previously designated as Purple Heart Trail. The final goal is to link the end of the trail in Fairbanks and extend it to our southernmost drivable city, Homer, Alaska, uniting the Purple Heart Trail to ultimately be the longest in the Nation.

I fully support the efforts of the Department of Alaska, Military Order of the Purple Heart, to designate the Parks Highway from Fairbanks to Wasilla as the next Purple Heart Trail/Purple Heart Highway.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bert L. Cottle  
City of Wasilla

Cc: file