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Urging the Governor to establish the Alaska Railroad depot at Nenana as the official museum for the Alaska Railroad and a state historical site.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS in 1914, President Wilson signed a bill authorizing the construction of a federally owned railroad to provide the direct transportation route that was needed between Fairbanks and the coast; and

WHEREAS the pioneer town of Nenana was chosen as the northern construction base for the railroad; and

WHEREAS on July 15, 1923, President Warren G. Harding drove the golden spike at Nenana to signify completion of the Alaska Railroad, and a monument to this event exists to the east of the Nenana railroad depot; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Railroad depot in Nenana was built in 1918 and has great historical significance because it is the only depot remaining from the original railroad system; and

WHEREAS the public is generally interested in history and railroads, and local tourism in Nenana would be enhanced if the depot in Nenana were established as the official museum for the Alaska Railroad and a state historical site;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to establish the Alaska Railroad depot at Nenana as the official museum for the Alaska Railroad and a state historical site.