

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to economic development generated by new road construction and to the design**
2 **and construction of the Hot Springs Loop Road to connect Chena Hot Springs and**
3 **Circle Hot Springs.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** new roads are needed to connect communities with the resources that
6 create the increased potential for commercial, industrial, recreational, and social activities for
7 residents and visitors; and

8 **WHEREAS** new local roads will allow Alaskans to get to local schools and health
9 facilities and to quickly respond to local emergency situations; and

10 **WHEREAS** improving the transportation infrastructure in Alaska is vital to the
11 economic growth and prosperity of the state; and

12 **WHEREAS** Alaska is the largest state in the Union, comprising one-fifth of the total
13 area of the continental United States, yet Alaska has barely 2,000 miles of roadways, less than
14 the state of Vermont; and

15 **WHEREAS** the proposed Hot Springs Loop Road from Chena Hot Springs to Circle
16 Hot Springs will complete a transportation loop connecting Fairbanks and the two resort areas

1 and will open areas of Interior Alaska for residents and visitors to explore, enjoy, and
2 develop; and

3 **WHEREAS** the Hot Springs Loop Road would connect the Steese Highway with the
4 Chena Hot Springs Road either through or around the Steese National Conservation Area; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Hot Springs Loop Road will allow residents and tourists an
6 opportunity to drive the scenic loop between Fairbanks and the resort areas at Chena Hot
7 Springs and Circle Hot Springs; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Hot Springs Loop Road will foster increased outdoor activities, new
9 tourism ventures, and economic growth in Interior Alaska;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes that the economic
11 development activity generated by the construction of new roads is important to the growth
12 and prosperity of the state; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the design and
14 construction of the Hot Springs Loop Road to provide a scenic loop route to connect
15 Fairbanks and the resort areas at Chena Hot Springs and Circle Hot Springs.