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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to construction of a rural road

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system.

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

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WHEREAS a network of roads does not exist in rural Alaska; and

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WHEREAS many communities in the state need to be connected with neigh-  
10 boring cities; and

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WHEREAS several cities in rural Alaska would like to be connected to  
12 the existing road systems near the cities; and

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WHEREAS a seasonal road system would provide an alternate means of  
14 moving freight to communities in rural Alaska; and

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WHEREAS a road system, even though seasonal and minimal, would con-  
16 tribute to the reduction of the cost of living in many rural areas of the  
17 state; and

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WHEREAS a pioneer road system would be the basis upon which a future,  
19 more permanent road system, could be established; and

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WHEREAS several communities in the state would be willing to assume  
21 the responsibility of developing and maintaining a segment of a minimum-  
22 standard road if they were to receive encouragement from the Department of  
23 Transportation and Public Facilities; and

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WHEREAS the present criteria in the Department of Transportation and  
25 Public Facilities for road construction and maintenance are not conducive  
26 to development of a low-cost, seasonal road; and

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WHEREAS a seasonal road system would promote development of, and give  
28 access to, the state's natural resources; and

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WHEREAS a pioneer road would allow safe and economical transportation

1 of hazardous materials, including fuels and explosives; and

2 WHEREAS a pioneer road would provide an alternate means for convenient  
3 personal transportation that is not subject to air schedules; and

4 WHEREAS a pioneer road would make it possible to better utilize the  
5 vehicles owned by rural residents because it would make travel outside the  
6 immediate community more practical;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully encour-  
8 ages the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to establish  
9 standards and policies for pioneer road construction and maintenance.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Mark S.  
11 Hickey, commissioner of transportation and public facilities; the Honorable  
12 Lennie Gorsuch, commissioner of natural resources; and to the Honorable Don  
13 W. Collinsworth, commissioner of fish and game.