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Requesting the Governor to take appropriate steps to make the state eligible for the benefits of the Symms National Recreational Trails Act.

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

WHEREAS the Symms National Recreational Trails Act was part of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act passed by the Congress in federal fiscal year 1992; and

WHEREAS the Act authorizes up to \$30,000,000 annually to be distributed among the states for acquisition, development, maintenance, and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities; and

WHEREAS, to ensure Alaska's eligibility to participate in the Act's program, the state must submit a letter to the federal Secretary of Transportation that designates a statewide program administrator, establish a recreational trail advisory board, and allocate certain amounts of state fuel taxes to recreational trails; and

WHEREAS the intent language of the Act encourages each governor to appoint the entity currently administering the Land and Water Conservation Fund to administer the Trail Fund money; and

WHEREAS the division of parks and outdoor recreation, Department of Natural

Resources, has successfully administered the land and water conservation fund since its inception in 1965 and is charged with outdoor recreation administration for the state;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to take all appropriate steps to make the state eligible for money under the Symms National Recreational Trails Act, including

(1) appointment of the division of parks and outdoor recreation as the administering agency;

(2) establishment of a recreational trail advisory board with representation required under the Act; and

(3) allocation of funds for recreational trails in an amount equal to the revenue collected by the state from nonhighway recreational fuel taxes.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Harold C. Heinze, commissioner of natural resources; Frank Turpin, commissioner of transportation and public facilities; and Neil Johannsen, director of parks and outdoor recreation, Department of Natural Resources.