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Endorsing development of the Fall Creek hydroelectric project near Gustavus.

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

WHEREAS electricity used in Glacier Bay National Park and Gustavus is provided by diesel generation; and

WHEREAS power consumption in this area is projected to increase; and

WHEREAS a small hydroelectric project at Fall Creek could satisfy the needs of Glacier Bay National Park and the community of Gustavus well into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS hydroelectric generation at Fall Creek could result in fuel savings, reduced operating and maintenance costs, and reduced capital expenditures for improvements and upgrades to the existing power system to meet demand, and thereby reduce power costs to consumers; and

WHEREAS the Fall Creek hydroelectric project is intended to be financed solely by private capital; and

WHEREAS issues related to Glacier Bay National Park are frequently contentious, but the community of Gustavus and the National Park Service agree that the Fall Creek hydroelectric project could be environmentally sound and economically advantageous; and

WHEREAS the community of Gustavus recently reaffirmed support of the Fall Creek

hydroelectric project in a unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, because the site of the proposed hydroelectric project is within the boundaries of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, an Act of Congress will be needed to change designation of the land status;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature endorses private development of the Fall Creek hydroelectric project and encourages the Congress to enact appropriate measures to redesignate the land status; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the National Park Service and other federal agencies to cooperate with the project developer and state agencies for expeditious permitting for the Fall Creek hydroelectric project.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; Roger G. Kennedy, Director, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; Robert Barbee, Alaska Regional Director, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.