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# SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA DESIGNATE THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY AS AN OFFICIAL SAFETY CORRIDOR AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PHASED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE OLD GLENN HIGHWAY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE ALTERNATE ACCESS TO INTERIOR ALASKA

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway provides the only alternative access between Anchorage and Interior Alaska/Canada in the event of a road closure in the high trafficked "flats" section of the Glenn Highway from Milepost (MP) 30 to 35

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway is considered a "high risk rural road" by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and currently ranks among the most dangerous segments of road in the state.

WHEREAS, the Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 is narrow and poorly lit with vehicles traveling at very high rates of speed.

WHEREAS, since 2018 development from MP1 to 17, properties only accessible from the Old Glenn Highway, has averaged 2% annual growth with approximately 242 properties developed, with an additional 160 properties planned for residential development on the east side of the Matanuska River beginning in 2024.

WHEREAS, the traffic and safety concerns on the Old Glenn Highway will exponentially increase as development in the area continues to accelerate.

## THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

The Old Glenn Highway from MP 1 to 17 be designated as a safety corridor and funded for a multi-phased highway improvement project to ensure safe passage for local residents and provide resilient alternative access out of Anchorage for residential and commercial traffic.

### THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

A proactive approach is needed to ensure the safety of the traveling public scales with the rapid rate of development and that a long term improvement project be added to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Resolved and affirmed this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Chober\_\_, 2023, by the South Knik River Community Council President, whose official signature is here below affixed.

Craig Price

South Knik River Community Council

ANNE T. HOUSEDE, SKRCC Secretary

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# SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2-2023

# RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF ALASKA GRAND JURY POWER TO INVESTIGATE

WHEREAS, Alaska's Constitution specifically states: "The power of grand juries to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety shall never be suspended". (See Article 1, Section 8.)

WHEREAS, on-the-record commentary of the 55 Delegates who wrote Alaska's Constitution says: "The grand jury is preserved, for all purposes, particularly for investigation of public officials... The power of grand juries to inquire into the willful misconduct in office of public officers, and to find indictments in connection therewith, shall never be suspended." and "The grand jury can be appealed to directly, which is an invaluable right to the citizen." (Alaska Constitutional Convention transcript page 1328.)

WHEREAS, Alaska implemented statutes reinforcing grand jury rights state: AS 12.40.030 "The grand jury shall inquire into all crimes committed or triable within the jurisdiction of the court and present them to the court. The grand jury shall have the power to investigate and make recommendations concerning the public welfare or safety."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH KNIK RIVER COMMUNITY COUNCIL that:

In time of peace no citizen can perform a higher duty than that of Grand Jury service.

The grand jury can choose matters on which it reports and recommends, and the manner in which to do so.

Its constitutional power shall never be suspended.

Resolved and affirmed this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ Novamber2023, by the South Knik River Community Council President, whose official signature is here below affixed.

Craig Price, South Knik River Community Council

Attest.

Anne Houscal

Secretary, South Knik River Community Council