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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 23-035**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THAT THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES EXPEDITE THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS ACCESSIBLE ROAD IN TIME FOR THE 2024 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES.

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Borough will be hosting the 2024 Arctic Winter Games; and

WHEREAS, the Borough provided \$600,000 to Skeetawk in the FY23 budget for capital improvements of a public washroom facility and to provide a bus accessible road;

WHEREAS, the public washroom facility is nearly complete, but the bus accessible road has been delayed significantly due to the leasing process of DNR; and

WHEREAS, competitors, coaches, and spectators will be bussed to the Skeetawk facility for alpine competitions; and

WHEREAS, due to the mountainous terrain of Hatcher pass there are challenges with earthwork and it is imperative for the construction of the access road to begin in early summer when the ground is drier and disturbing of the terrain from heavy equipment will be kept to a minimum; and

WHEREAS, Skeetawk submitted a lease request to DNR in November of 2022 and have contacted them multiple times with no success in moving the process forward; and


WHEREAS, if approvals for the lease are not moved forward quickly it is unlikely that construction will begin or finalized in the summer, which will result in a lack of infrastructure to successfully host the 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly requests that DNR expedite the process so that the bus accessible road can be built in the summer of 2023 and Alaska can successfully host the 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 21 day of March, 2023.


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE K. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Hale, Nowers, McKee, Yundt, Tew, Fonov, and
Bernier