

1 By: Bryce J. Ward, Mayor  
2 Introduced: 10/08/2020  
3 Adopted: 10/08/2020  
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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 40  
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9 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE OF ALASKA AN  
10 APPLICATION FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM MATCHING GRANT  
11 FOR REROUTING TRAILS AT THE CHENA LAKE RECREATION AREA RIVER PARK TRAIL  
12 SYSTEM  
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14 WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division  
15 of Parks and Outdoor Recreation administers the Recreational Trails Program grants;  
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18 WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough (Borough) is a qualified  
19 applicant for this program; and  
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21 WHEREAS, The Borough maintains and operates the Chena Lake  
22 Recreation Area on Federal Lands under a 50-year lease from the Army Corps of  
23 Engineers; and  
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25 WHEREAS, The Chena Lake Recreation Area’s River Park Trail System is a  
26 popular, non-motorized, all-seasons, looped trail system that runs along the Chena  
27 River and Chena Lake outlet canal; and  
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29 WHEREAS, Recent high water volumes in the Chena River have  
30 contributed to major erosion along the riverbank; and  
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32 WHEREAS, Riverbank erosion has caused sections to the trail to fall into  
33 the river; and  
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35 WHEREAS, The recent loss of several sections of trail have made the trail  
36 loops impossible to groom and difficult to maintain and will soon make the trails  
37 inaccessible to visitors; and  
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39 WHEREAS, These sections of the trail need to be rerouted away from the  
40 eroding riverbank in order to preserve a safe and viable loop trail system; and  
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42 WHEREAS, If awarded, grant funds and local match will allow for the  
43 construction of necessary trail reroutes and thus the continued maintenance, use and  
44 enjoyment of the River Park Trail System; and

45 WHEREAS, Trail reroutes will complement the trailhead improvements  
46 scheduled for Phase 1 of the Chena Lake Recreation Area Revitalization project included  
47 in the FNSB FY 2021-2030 Capital Improvement Program.  
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49 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Fairbanks  
50 North Star Borough hereby supports the Mayor's submission of a grant application to  
51 the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, for a Recreational Trails Program  
52 matching grant, to reroute portions of the River Park Trail System at the Chena Lake  
53 Recreation Area.  
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55 ADOPTED THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.  
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61 Christopher Quist  
62 Presiding Officer

63 ATTEST:

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66 April Trickey, CMC  
67 Borough Clerk

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69 Yeses: Cash, Williams, Cooper, Lojewski, Lyke, Tomaszewski, Sanford, O'Neill  
70 Noes: None  
71 Other: Quist (Excused)