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RESOLUTION NO. 02- 08

INITIATIVE FOR ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Federal and State agencies, communities, and Native organizations that develop infrastructure projects or initiate changes in land ownership in rural Alaska communities need current, complete and accurate community maps of the project site showing features such as topography, water bodies, flood zones, cultural sites, utilities, roads, buildings, land ownership, sensitive habitat, subsistence use areas, etc.; and

WHEREAS, many communities scheduled to receive infrastructure development projects do not have such current, complete and accurate maps;and

WHEREAS, in the absence of adequate community mapping, each infrastructure development agency, community, or Native organization that develop projects or initiates land ownership changes in these communities must invest in a certain amount of community mapping in order to develop the project or initiate the land ownership change; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development has an active program to develop digital community profile maps sufficient for use by communities and agencies in the development of infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the progress of community mapping is not keeping up with infrastructure development agencies', communities' and Native organizations' need for such maps; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community and Economic Development has developed a proposal to accelerate their mapping program through increased multi-agency funding of $1.2 million in the first year; and

WHEREAS, the accelerated mapping program can take advantage of economies of scale to improve the efficiency of mapping being done by agencies and others, especially with the aerial photography component of the work; and

WHEREAS, Commission staff is confident that other infrastructure development agencies, communities and Native organizations will offer up to $900,000 to support the initiative in its first year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Denali Commission allocate $300,000 for community mapping, to be awarded to the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development for development of maps in communities where the Commission expects to construct infrastructure projects in the foreseeable future.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members, (or their duly appointed alternate), of whom seven, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 25th day of April, 2002, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of seven members, and opposed by no members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2002

Signed

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