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Supporting development of the road belt electrical transmission line; and urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue the development of this high-voltage electrical line in the interior of the state.

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

WHEREAS development of the road belt electrical transmission line would create a high-voltage electrical line running from Sutton to Glennallen, where a sub-transmission line would extend to Gakona and on to Tok and north through the upper Tanana region to Delta Junction, and the final leg of the project would run from near Delta Junction, just south of Fort Greely, back to Gakona; and

WHEREAS development of the road belt electrical transmission line would support infrastructure for energy, national security, economic expansion, and natural resource development in the state; and

WHEREAS the Trans Alaska Pipeline System would benefit by using the low-cost energy provided by the road belt electrical transmission line in the operation of the pipeline and protection of its off-grid pump stations; and

WHEREAS a high-voltage electrical line would complete an electrical transmission bus loop and establish a second secure path for power transmission from Anchorage to Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS an electrical transmission bus loop is needed during a natural disaster, such as an earthquake; and

WHEREAS there are 17 small communities in the region that rely on diesel power or other expensive alternatives; and

WHEREAS development of the road belt electrical transmission line would support military installations in the state, including Black Rapids Training Site, Donnelly Training Area, Fort Greely, Eielson Air Force Base, and Clear Air Force Station, by providing access to low-cost, reliable, redundant, and renewable energy for the defense of the state and the United States; and

WHEREAS development of the road belt electrical transmission line would boost economic growth and support the initiation, growth, expansion, and retention of small businesses in the region by providing low-cost, reliable energy; and

WHEREAS development of the road belt electrical transmission line would benefit the agricultural industry in the Delta Junction area by allowing the industry to become more cost-effective and competitive and by increasing the industry's ability to expand; and

WHEREAS there is widespread support for the development of the road belt electrical transmission line;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the development of the road belt electrical transmission line; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue the development of the road belt electrical transmission line, a high-voltage electrical line in the interior of the state, for the purpose of supporting defensive capabilities, critical military infrastructure, and the Alyeska Pipeline.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; the Honorable Chuck Grassley, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Patrick M. Shanahan, Acting United States Secretary of Defense; the Honorable David Bernhardt, United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Sonny Perdue, United

States Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Rick Perry, United States Secretary of Energy; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.