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5 FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

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7 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-39

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9 A RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR WALKER TO CLOSE AREAS ADJACENT TO  
10 DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE TO THE TRAPPING AND HUNTING OF  
11 BEARS, WOLVES AND WOLVERINES  
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13 WHEREAS, Over a half a million annual visitors from around the world  
14 come to Denali National Park and Preserve, in large part, to see the iconic wolves and  
15 bears of the Park; and  
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17 WHEREAS, Both the Park and commercial tour companies advertise  
18 Denali National Park and Preserve as the best place in the world to see wolves within  
19 their natural habitat; and  
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21 WHEREAS, A large percentage of these visitors come to Fairbanks  
22 because of our proximity to the Park; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Hunters and trappers are allowed to use bait in the 22 mile  
25 long corridor, commonly referred to as the Wolf Townships or Stampede Trail corridor,  
26 to lure bears and wolves out of Denali National Park and Preserve and kill them; and  
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28 WHEREAS, The East Fork Pack was the most famous, the most studied  
29 and most viewed wolf-pack in the world and has now been decimated by hunters and  
30 trappers using bait to draw them just outside the Park boundary; and  
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32 WHEREAS, When this area was closed to hunting and trapping the East  
33 Fork Pack numbered 22; but has now been reduced to a single female wolf trying to  
34 raise pups alone; and  
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36 WHEREAS, When the Wolf Townships/Stampede Trail was closed to  
37 hunting there were 140 wolves in Denali National Park and Preserve and 49% of visitors  
38 saw wolves. Now the East Fork Pack has been almost wiped out and the total number  
39 of wolves within Denali stands at 48 - an all-time low - and the number of visitors who  
40 see wolves, for the last three years, is only 4%, also an all-time low; and  
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42 WHEREAS, This incredible and unique resource is being squandered for  
43 the satisfaction of just a handful of individuals; and  
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45 WHEREAS, The Alaska economy cannot survive unless we have a  
46 diversified economy that promotes tourism and other industries besides oil.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Fairbanks North Star Borough urges the Governor, through the Commissioner of Fish and Game to close the areas adjacent to Denali National Park and Preserve to the trapping and hunting of bears, wolves and wolverines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED copies of this resolution shall be distributed to Governor Walker and Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Sam Cotten.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2016.

  
John Davies  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Nanci Ashford-Bingham, MMC  
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Sattley, Westlind, Lawrence, Quist, Dodge, Davies  
Noes: Cooper, Roberts, Hutchison  
Other: None