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**A RESOLUTION BY THE GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE (GFCC) SUPPORTING DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE
GENERAL FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the development of agriculture as an industry throughout Alaska is encouraged by long-term low-interest loans from the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund (ARLF) administered by the Alaska Board of Agriculture and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the development of agricultural resources is an integral element in the diversification of Alaska's economic base; and

WHEREAS, the Fund services the entire Alaskan agricultural industry and is currently one of the best performing loan funds operated by the state; and

WHEREAS, the Fund was created as a revolving loan fund for agriculture and has received no general fund appropriations since 1986; and

WHEREAS, non-ARLF general fund expenditures have been drawn inappropriately from the Fund since 1989 in excess of \$12,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, these continued draws for operational expenses of the Division of Agriculture, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, including the Plant Materials Center, Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage, Alaska Grown Marketing Program, and the Board of Agriculture and Conservation will deplete the fund within the next three years,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports the Fund's continued existence and urges that funding responsibilities for non-ARLF Division of Agriculture operations be returned to general fund appropriation.

Benefactors

ACS Directory
Alaska Airlines
Alaska Communications Systems
Alaska Digital Printing
Alaska Railroad
Alaska USA Federal Credit Union
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
AT&T Alascom
Boeing
BP Exploration, Inc.
CellularOne
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Denali State Bank
Design Alaska
Digital Express
Doyon, Limited
ExxonMobil
Fairbanks Building & Construction Trades Council "The Unions"
Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc. Fort Knox Mine
Fairbanks Memorial Hospital-Denali Center
Fairbanks Natural Gas, LLC
First National Bank Alaska
Flint Hills Resources
Flowline Alaska
GCI
Golden Heart Utilities
Golden Valley Electric Association
Key Bank of Alaska
MAC Federal Credit Union
Mt. McKinley Bank
Northrim Bank
Phone Directories Company
Santina's Flowers & Gifts
Seekins Ford, Lincoln, Mercury
Tanana Valley Clinic
Totem Ocean Trailer Express
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Usibelli Coal Mine
Wells Fargo
Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & Conference Center

GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be distributed to:

Office of the Governor, State of Alaska
President, Alaska State Senate
Speaker, Alaska House of Representatives
Interior Delegation of the Alaska Legislature
Commissioner, Alaska Department of Natural Resources

PASSED in Fairbanks, Alaska this 5th day of February by the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



Charlie Boddy
Board Chair



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President & CEO

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