

Introduced By: Thomas Bundtzen, Chair, Natural Resources Committee  
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**A RESOLUTION BY THE GREATER FAIRBANKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GFCC) SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 229 IN THE 25<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA "AN ACT RELATING TO CHANGES (ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS) TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST...."**

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the GFCC Bylaws (Section 1A:4), The GFCC advocates for the development and wise use of Alaska's natural resources and strives to have a working knowledge of technical, financial and political aspects surrounding development; and

**WHEREAS**, it is State Policy under Article VIII, section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska that "Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tanana Valley State Forest was established as a unit of Alaska's State Forest system on July 1, 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary purpose in the establishment of state forests is "multiple use management that provides for the production, utilization, and replenishment of timber resources while perpetuating personal, commercial, and other beneficial uses of resources"; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast commercial timber resources of Alaska's interior constitute a virtually untapped potential for economic development with birch, white spruce, and quaking aspen blanketing the interior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tanana Valley State Forest boundaries were designed to encompass mostly forestland with potential for commercial value; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2001 update to the TVSF Management Plan recommended a package of changes to the boundaries of the State Forest. As a part of that package, the plan recommends some of the deletions from the State Forest to be added to the Minto State Game Refuge; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposals were thoroughly reviewed by the public and agencies during the planning process, and the proposals in the final plan were non-

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controversial. There were no comments on these proposals during the final comment period;

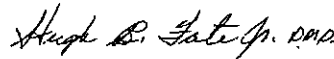
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports Senate Bill No. 229, which seeks to more accurately reflect boundaries of the Tanana Valley State Forest appropriate for the management under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be distributed to:

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