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Public Hearing: 03/01/16  
Adopted: 03/01/16

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 16-014**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE GOVERNMENT PEAK RECREATION AREA.

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WHEREAS, since 2012, the Borough has constructed 3.5 miles of multi-use trails, a 4,000-square-foot ski chalet, and a mile-long, paved access road at the Government Peak Recreation Area creating infrastructure for a year-round recreation destination; and

WHEREAS, high school ski teams from across Alaska compete in regional ski events at Government Peak Recreation Area bringing with them hundreds of spectators whose spending enhances the Borough's economy; and

WHEREAS, this Borough priority project enhances the health and quality of life for Borough residents in a local venue by providing winter and summer trails for skiing, mountain bike and fat tire bike riding, snowshoeing, skijoring, walking, hiking, and sledding; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has limited sunlight during the winter months which makes it difficult to see the trails or obstructions in the trails, including moose and other wildlife, presenting a significant safety risk to trail users; and

WHEREAS, trail lighting will mitigate this risk, encouraging more residents to recreate during the winter, improving their mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, the Mat-Su Ski Club has donated approved funds in the amount of \$25,000 to help pay for trail lighting on the Susitna Loop at the Government Peak Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, this Mat-Su Ski Club donation supplements recent funding for the Government Peak project including a \$390,000 grant by the Matanuska-Susitna Health Foundation, and funding from the Rasmussen Foundation, including \$9,934 for trails and \$190,066 for a fire protection system and kitchen upgrade in the chalet; and

WHEREAS, funds must be accepted and appropriated prior to expenditures; and

WHEREAS, no expenditures can be made until a scope of work and budget has been approved by the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby approves the following scope of work and budget for trail lighting for the Government Peak Recreation Area from the Mat-Su Ski Club:

**SCOPE OF WORK**

Purchase and install lights on the Susitna Loop ski

trails at the Government Peak Recreation Area, as part of the Trail Illumination Project.

**BUDGET**

- 1) Susitna Loop Trail Lighting at the Government Peak Recreation Area.  
Fund 490/Project 75005 \$25,000

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 1 day of March, 2016.

  
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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Colligan, Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke.