CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 12-16-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
IN SUPPORT OF THE REPAIRS TO THE “MILLION DOLLAR BRIDGE” MILEPOST
50 ON THE COPPER RIVER HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, The Million Dollar Bridge is a historic bridge and the Centerpiece of the U.S.
Forest Service park located just downstream of the bridge and across from the Child’s Glacier, a
favorite resident and visitor destination; and

WHEREAS, in late August 2016 a large iceberg collided with and destroyed the function
of an ice breaking pier located upstream of the bridge that protects the bridge from being struck
by ice and toppled into the river; and

WHEREAS, the sonar counter located just downstream of the bridge, which is critical to
the measurement of Copper River Salmon run returns and the timing of commercial salmon fishing
openers, could be destroyed in the event of a bridge failure due to ice strikes; and

WHEREAS, downstream private and public lands including national park and a private
lodge, would be destroyed in the event of a bridge failure; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the bridge would create a new hazard to navigation in the
Copper River and potentially cause pollution of the downstream waters from bridge materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Cordova,
Alaska strongly supports and recommends repairs to the damaged ice-breaking pier of the Million
Dollar Bridge located near Cordova, Alaska.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.

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Clay Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:
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Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk