

**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

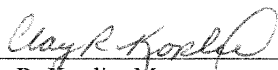
**WHEREAS**, downstream private and public lands including national park and a private lodge, would be destroyed in the event of a bridge failure; and


**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 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016.**



  
Clay R. Koplín, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk