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AIDEA Extends Thanks to the Community of Hughes for Ambler Road Resolution of Support

March 26, 2024 (Anchorage, Alaska) – The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) extends its gratitude to the Community of Hughes for their formal adoption of Resolution No. 24-08, which endorses the Ambler Road. Resolution No. 24-08 underlines the need to alleviate high unemployment and the costly living expenses in the region and the importance of the Ambler Road.

Governor Mike Dunleavy stated, "Today, with the Hughes community standing firmly behind the Ambler Road Project, we're witnessing a powerful example of Alaskans taking charge of their economic destiny. Support from Hughes is not just about passing a resolution; it's about opening doors to opportunities and prosperity for the future. As Governor, I am committed to ensuring projects, like these, are in the hands of Alaskans and not stymied by federal overreach. Hughes Village's decision reflects our Alaskan spirit forward-thinking and resilient."

"We are very grateful for the support from Hughes Village," said **Randy Ruaro, Executive Director of AIDEA**. "The Ambler Road is poised to be a crucial catalyst for job creation and economic development in the region. Their support and collaboration on the project shows how responsible development can enable a prosperous and sustainable future as seen with the Red Dog Mine."

The resolution can be accessed on the Ambler Access Project website here and the press release here. AIDEA remains steadfast in its dedication to supporting initiatives that create jobs and contribute to the prosperity of Alaska. For information about AIDEA or any of AIDEA's projects, please visit www.aidea.org or contact AIDEA at communications@aidea.org.

About Ambler Access Project:

The Ambler Access Project is a proposed 211-mile, private, industrial-controlled access road to reach the Ambler Mining District in the Northwest Arctic Borough. The district is a large prospective copper-zinc mineral belt with extensive deposits of critical minerals

and other elements essential for a green economy and military effectiveness. AAP was modeled after a similar AIDEA-funded industrial access road project located in the Northwest Arctic Borough, the DeLong Mountain Transportation System or Red Dog Road, in support of Red Dog Mine.

About AIDEA:

The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority is a public corporation of the State of Alaska. AIDEA's purpose is to promote, develop, and advance the general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Alaska.

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