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*A Resolution in support for the Alaska Long Trail as proposed  
by Alaska State Trails*

**Resolution #21-1**

WHEREAS ATIA as the leading statewide organization for Alaska's visitor industry identifies critical infrastructure projects at the statewide level; and

WHEREAS infrastructure projects can support a strong and vibrant tourism industry; and

WHEREAS trails and outdoor activities can be considered outdoor recreation infrastructure that can be experienced by both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS Alaska residents and visitor are increasingly seeking outdoor recreation experiences; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Long Trail would be on par with other international long trail projects and proposes a route from Fairbanks to Seward; and

WHEREAS most of the Alaska Long Trail route is on public lands where much of the trail already exists or is in progress; and

WHEREAS an Alaska Long Trail could offer both day and multi-week experiences; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Long Trail connecting communities can generate jobs, business opportunities; and,

WHEREAS increasing Alaska's outdoor recreation infrastructure through trails development, like the Alaska Long Trail, would keep Alaska as a competitive outdoor recreation destination; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Alaska Travel Industry Association Board of Directors supports the Governor's recommendation for up to \$15.9 million investment in the Alaska Long Trail through the General Obligation Bond, the capital budget, or the American Rescue Plan funds.

ADOPTED by the  
2020-2021 ALASKA TRAVEL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021