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The Honorable Sean Parnell Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110001 Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: A Resolution for Support of Division of Agriculture General Funding

Dear Governor Parnell:

At the Board of Agriculture and Conservation (BAC) meeting held on January 20, 2011 the Board adopted the enclosed resolution. This resolution strongly supports the Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund (ARLF) and requests that ARLF operating expenses be funded through general fund appropriation and not through the ARLF.

This change will ensure the continuation of the fund and its ability to promote the more rapid development of agriculture as an industry throughout the state by means of long term low interest loans.

The Board thanks you for your support of the agricultural industry in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Ben VanderWeele, Chair Board of Agriculture & Conservation

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Enclosure

Cc: Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner, DNR The Honorable Alaska State Legislature Board of Agriculture & Conservation Franci Havemeister, Director Division of Agriculture

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