## A RESOLUTION FOR DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE AGRICULTURAL REVOLVING LOAN FUND

**Whereas,** it is our policy by statute to promote the more rapid development of agriculture as an industry throughout the state by means of long-term low-interest loans through the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund, and

**Whereas**, the development of agricultural resources is an integral element in the diversification of Alaska's economic base, and

**Whereas**, the Fund services the entire Alaskan agricultural industry and is currently one of the best performing loan funds operated by the state, and

**Whereas,** the Fund was created as a revolving fund and has received no general fund appropriations since 1986, and

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** we support the Fund's continued existence and that non-ARLF Division of Agriculture funding responsibilities be returned to general government appropriation.

**Therefore Be It Further Resolved,** that this resolution be provided to Alaska's Governor, Alaska State Legislature and the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Board of Agriculture and Conservation this 20th day of January, 2011.

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