

Resolution No. 2008-1
Aviation Advisory Board

Resolution opposing land rental rates increases across the Rural Airport System

WHEREAS, the Alaska Rural Aviation System supports more than 270 rural communities, most of which the Alaska Rural Aviation System is the only mode of transportation available and affords those communities food, medical services, education and other necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is experiencing unprecedented budget surpluses due to the increase price of energy and rural Alaskans are facing crippling increases in costs of living due to the same increased price of energy; and

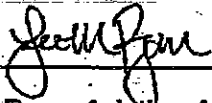
WHEREAS, the Alaska International Airports System has decided to cancel its recently noticed land rate rental increases which were proposed to be in effect beginning on or after July 1, 2008 per the provisions of 17 ACC 42.125 as of June 3, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has decided to open Title 17 on Rural Airports for public comment during summer and fall of 2008, but will not rescind the 45% to 55% Lease Rate increase to its rural tenants;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aviation Advisory Board is opposed to the Title 17 Rural Airports Land Lease Regulation rate increases, which were recently implemented, as the lease increases are untimely, unjustified, and unwarranted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we respectfully request Governor Palin's attention to delay or defer the lease rate increase.

Signed: _____



Lee Ryan, Aviation Advisory Board Chair

Date: June 6, 2008