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The Iditarod was established, or started, in 1973 by Joe Redington, Sr. Joe is known as the 'Father of the Iditarod' and he established the race for two reasons. The first reason was to save the sled dog culture that was being phased out because of the gaining population of snow machines in Alaska. The second reason Joe established the race was to preserve the historic Iditarod trail between Seward and Nome. This year will be the 45th running of the Iditarod.

