Introduced by: Mayor

Date: March 4, 1975

Vote: 106.17 Yes; 10.66 No

Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 75-9

A RESOLUTION TO PROTEST BANNING OF INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION, SALE, OR POSSESSION OF HANDGUN AMMUNITION.

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough that the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission is considering banning of handgun ammunition: and

WHEREAS, dangers of attack by bears and other wild animals present hazards to fishermen, campers, picnicers, and those having occupations requiring them to work out of doors in wild areas; and

WHEREAS, carrying rifles by such parties would be inconvenient and would unduly interfere with their activities, but some safety can be provided by carrying of handguns; and

WHEREAS, carrying of handguns in such situations would be useless if ammunition were unobtainable therefor; and

WHEREAS, some rifles used for sport or subsistence hunting use ammunition which is interchangeable with handguns, such as 22 calibre rifles, and therefore the banning of handgun ammunition would also ban the use of such rifles for either sport or subsistence hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America preserves to its citizens the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and banning of ammunition for such arms would emasculate the rights which the second amendment to the United States Constitution declares shall not be infringed; and

Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 75-9 Page 1 of 2 Pages WHEREAS, the banning of handgun ammunition by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission would obviously be an effective banishment of handguns by bureaucracy where the Congress of the United States has refused to do so by law, and would therefore be an usurpation of authority not intended to be conveyed under the Hazardous Substance Act:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough vigorously opposes any action by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission to ban handgun ammunition under any pretext.

That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough would request its delegation to the Congress of the United States that in the event any such action is taken by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission in such obvious extension of their statutory duties and obligations. that Congress immediately enact legislation to repeal the Hazardous Substance Act, dissolve the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, and reverse any actions taken by said Commission.

That copies of this resolution be directed to Richard O. Simpson, Chairman, U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 1750 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20207; Senator Ted Stevens, 411 Russell Building, Washington, D. C. 20510; Senator Mike Gravel, 4107 Dirksen Building, Washington, D. C. 20510; Rep. Donald E. Young, 1210 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515; and President Gerald D. Ford, White House, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20510.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4 DAY OF MARCH, 1975.

ATTEST:

Borough Clerk

Assembly President