

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: April 1, 1975
Vote: 76 yes, 60.5 no
Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 75-19

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ENACTMENT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 293,
OR ANY SIMILAR LEGISLATION, PROVIDING FOR GRANTS TO CITIES
OR SERVICE AREAS FROM BOROUGH AREAWIDE FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 293 has been introduced in the First Session of the Ninth Legislature of the State of Alaska to authorize grants to cities and service areas of funds levied and collected by boroughs on an areawide basis; and

WHEREAS, examples of federal and state revenue sharing programs have shown the basic deficiencies of such a system; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this legislation would shift costs for city services and conveniences from those enjoying those services and conveniences to all citizens of the borough and would result in payment for services such as sewer and water for city residents by those residents outside of the cities who must furnish their own sewer and water at their own expense; and

WHEREAS, it is inherent in human nature that the power to grant or withhold funds from cities or service areas would result in imposition of controls over cities and service areas by the borough government to the detriment of local control and local well being; and

WHEREAS, such revenue sharing promotes inefficiency, waste, lack of financial responsibility, and the abolition of any incentives for thrift on behalf of cities and service areas obtaining such funds; and


WHEREAS, competition among cities and service areas to obtain all possible funding from general borough revenues would lead to political power plays and attempts to exploit borough funds by each city and service area attempting to outdo others in obtaining available funds, and as a result it would discourage trying to hold down the borough tax levy which would restrict such funding:

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

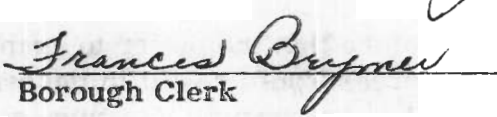
That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough hereby opposes the enactment of House Bill No. 293, or any similar legislation, providing for grants to cities or service areas from areawide funds of a borough.

That copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Jay Hammond, to each member of the legislative delegation representing any portion of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and to the Mayors of each city and borough within the State of Alaska.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
THIS FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 1975.


Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk