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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 75-23

**A RESOLUTION TO PROTEST THE USE OF CHEMICAL HERBICIDES
ALONG HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAYS WITHIN THE KENAI PENINSULA
BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough that last year the State Department of Highways initiated a program to spray certain portions of roadways with chemical herbicides but that no such spraying would be done where the people of the area did not want it done; and

WHEREAS, the chemicals used are 2-4-D, a very strong weed killer, and 245-T, a very strong brush killer; and

WHEREAS, the use of such chemical agents would not remove the brush but would only defoliate it; and

WHEREAS, depending on winds at time of application, areas outside the highway right-of-way might be affected; and

WHEREAS, native grasses and flowers might be completely eliminated from the highway right-of-way areas to the detriment of their beauty as well as allowing soil erosion; and

WHEREAS, removal of trees and shrubs to facilitate snow removal from the highways would still require mechanical work which could be accomplished without use of chemical sprays; and

WHEREAS, grazing on plants shortly after such sprays were used might be detrimental to the moose population of the borough and

to other animal life; and

WHEREAS, the use of chemical herbicides would be highly detrimental to a beekeeping industry in the Kenai Peninsula;

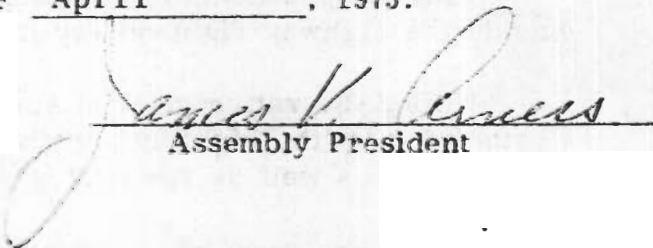
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

That the Assembly of the Kenai Peninsula Borough does hereby vigorously protest the use of chemical herbicides along highway right-of-ways in the Kenai Peninsula Borough by the State Department of Highways.

That authorities having control over such practices be vigorously urged to prohibit the use of chemical herbicides along the highway right-of-ways within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

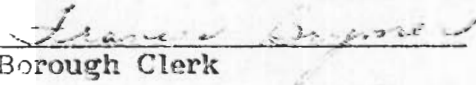
That copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Honorable Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the State of Alaska; Walter B. Parker, Commissioner of Department of Highways; Ernst Mueller, Commissioner of Department of Environmental Conservation; James W. Brooks, Commissioner of Department of Fish and Game; Francis S. L. Williamson, Commissioner of Department of Health and Social Services; Guy R. Martin, Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources; the Honorable Clem Tillion and the Honorable Jalmar Kerttula, Alaska State Senators, and the Honorable Leo Rhode, the Honorable Keith Specking, and the Honorable Hugh Malone, Alaska House of Representatives.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 15th DAY OF April, 1975.



Assembly President

ATTEST:



Borough Clerk

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