Introduced by: Mayor Phillips Date: Feb. 17, 1987 Vote: Unanimous Action: Adopted

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 87-22

OBJECTING TO CLOSURE OF CERTAIN DISTRICT RECORDING OFFICES AND REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, has announced the closure of seven District Recorder's Offices, including the Homer and Kenai offices, at the end of business on Friday, February 27, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the functions of a recording office are a vital part of everyday legal activities which concern and affect the business, commercial, industrial, and legal communities, together with local government bodies and private citizens; and

WHEREAS, the timely recording of legal documents has a direct financial impact on the public and closure of local recording offices will adversely affect the economy of the state and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, a readily accessible recording office has been the first essential organization to be established throughout the history of developing the United States and closure of local offices would impede additional development; and

WHEREAS, the State Recording Offices, through user fees, actually generates revenue for the state rather than an expense; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of February 9, 1987 recommended adoption of Resolution 87-22;

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

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly strongly objects to the announced closure of seven District Recording Offices scheduled for February 27, 1987.

Section 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Legislature in current session to take immediate and positive action to insure the continued and permanent operation of this vital service in the best interest of the public.

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Section 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Cowper and all elected members of the State House and Senate.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS <u>17th</u> DAY OF <u>February</u>, 1987.

Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

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