

Introduced by: Mayor  
Date: April 4, 1989  
Action: Adopted  
Vote: Unanimous

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 89-39

AFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL AS DECLARED BY MAYOR GILMAN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1989

WHEREAS, on March 24, 1989, the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground and spilled millions of gallons of crude oil into the waters of Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, currents, wind and weather have operated to transport a very large portion of that oil in a southwesterly direction such that it is now located off the shores of the south Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that a portion of this oil will come aground contaminating the shores and coastal waters of the Kenai Peninsula Borough with significant negative impacts on the coastal ecosystem and thus on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of all Kenai Peninsula Borough residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Don Gilman declared a state of emergency on April 1, 1989, which, in accordance with AS 26.23.140 may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the borough assembly;

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

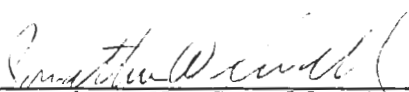
Section 1. That the assembly affirms and consents to the declaration of emergency arising from the impact of crude oil spilled by the tanker Exxon Valdez and thereby consents to the activation of borough response and recovery activities.

Section 2. That this declaration of state of emergency shall remain in effect until such time as the mayor shall determine that all reasonable actions available for response to and mitigation of the immediate negative impacts of the oil spill have been completed.

Section 3. That the clerk shall send copies of this resolution to Governor Steve Cowper; Commissioner Dennis D. Kelso, Department of Environmental Conservation; Senators Paul Fischer, Mike Szymanski and Jay Kerttula and Representatives Mike Navarre, C.E. Swackhammer and Bette Cato.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 4th DAY OF April, 1989.

  
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Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Borough Clerk