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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 95-016**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BELUGA WETLANDS
CRITICAL HABITAT AREA IN HOMER**

WHEREAS, the Beluga wetlands surrounding the Homer Airport have long been identified as prime moose habitat, providing browse and shelter for up to 100 of the 200-400 moose that winter on the Homer beach; and

WHEREAS, lowland habitat that provides browse, cover, and accumulations of snow that do not impede winter feeding are increasingly limited on the Lower Kenai Peninsula due to development; and

WHEREAS, the Beluga wetlands also support important populations of waterfowl, shorebirds, and terns, including the rare Aleutian tern; and

WHEREAS, creation of a critical habitat area surrounding the airport will not interfere with planned airport improvements or safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Homer has an interest in preserving wetlands and open space for wildlife, recreational, visitor industry, and other economic and quality of life benefits; and

WHEREAS, management of this area by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will occur under management plans developed in cooperation with the city and all other interest and involved parties;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports legislation creating the Beluga Wetlands Critical Habitat area consisting of 331 acres within the City of Homer.

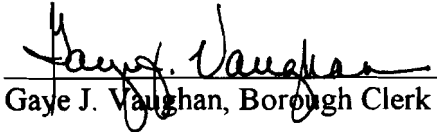
SECTION 2. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption and copies shall be sent to Commissioner of Fish and Game, Senators John Torgerson, Judy Salo and Georgianna Lincoln, Representatives Gail Phillips, Gary L. Davis, Mike Navarre, and Irene Nicholia.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 1995.



Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk