

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 08/01/95
Action: Adopted as Amended
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 95-048**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONVEYANCES OF CERTAIN LANDS
WITHIN COOK INLET REGION, ALASKA TO VILLAGE CORPORATIONS UNDER
THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT**

- WHEREAS**, under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Alaska Native Corporations were to select for conveyance the customary and traditional use lands in their regions or localities; and
- WHEREAS**, this principle did not work in the Cook Inlet area as lands in the Cook Inlet Region were already committed to other ownership or federal withdrawals, thereby severely limiting the lands available for village corporation selection; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1974 and 1975 Cook Inlet Region villages selected lands along the shore of Lake Clark and surrounding lakes; and
- WHEREAS**, under an agreement between the federal government, State of Alaska and Cook Inlet Region, Inc. village selections at Lake Clark were relinquished for lands now referred to as Appendix A and Appendix C lands on the west coast of Cook Inlet; and
- WHEREAS**, under the authority of Public Law 94-456 village corporations were assured that deficiency selections on the west side of Cook Inlet would be conveyed under two appendices: Appendix A and Appendix C; and
- WHEREAS**, a portion of Appendix A selections have been conveyed; however, high priority Appendix C selections have not yet been conveyed; and
- WHEREAS**, throughout the late 1970s and 1980s the village corporations had reason to believe the Appendix C selections would be conveyed; however, the Department of the Interior reversed its position in 1994, thereby depriving the villages of some of their highest priority land; and
- WHEREAS**, federal legislation is necessary to correct this longstanding issue; and
- WHEREAS**, the Cook Inlet village corporations are important and vital entities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

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

SECTION 1. The federal government fulfill its overdue obligation to the Cook Inlet Region village corporations under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act without further delay.

SECTION 2. The 104th Congress is urged to enact H.R. 1342 or similar legislation that provides the authority and direction to the Department of the Interior to convey Appendix C lands to Cook Inlet villages.

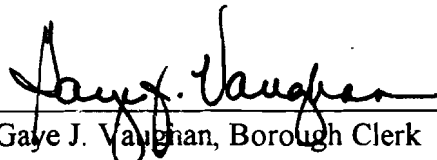
SECTION 3. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to Congressman Don Young, Senator Frank Murkowski, Senator Ted Stevens, and Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 1995.



Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk