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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 95-050

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IMMEDIATELY BEGIN ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF 7 ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 27.020 REGARDING THE CONTROL OF ANIMAL DISEASES

- WHEREAS, on July 14, 1995, a cat belonging to a resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough bit a child; and
- WHEREAS, the parent of the bitten child was unable to secure the cooperation of the Department of Health and Social Services or the Department of Natural Resources in enforcing the provisions of 7 AAC 27.020 regarding either quarantining or destroying unvaccinated animals which bite people; and
- WHEREAS, there have been numerous other instances where residents of the Borough, as well as citizens of Alaska, should have been afforded the protections provided under that Code section; and
- **WHEREAS**, these departments may be able to contract for the enforcement of this section rather than administer it internally;

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

- SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, on behalf of Borough residents and all citizens of Alaska, requests that the Commissioners of the Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Natural Resources immediately begin enforcing the provisions of 7 AAC 27.020 regarding the control of animal diseases. Most importantly, that the Department of Health and Social Services begin either quarantining or destroying unvaccinated animals which bite people. In the alternative, the Assembly requests that the Commissioners enter into an agreement with another agency to enforce this section for them as the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and the State of Alaska, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has done with the City of Soldotna's Animal Control Center
- **SECTION 2.** That the clerk shall send this resolution to these Commissioners immediately after its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 1st DAY

OF AUGUST, 1995.

ATTEST: