

Introduced by: Navarre
Date: 2/20/96
Action: Adopted
Vote: 5 Yes, 4 No

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 96-021**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA CHILDREN’S TRUST

WHEREAS, the Alaska Children’s Trust was established in 1988 by the Alaska Legislature to promote initiatives that strengthen families and children; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Trust has never been funded; and

WHEREAS, many family and community stresses have resulted in more children at risk for poor health, neglect, child abuse, community violence and juvenile crimes; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Alaska Children’s Trust is to promote and provide opportunities so Alaska’s children can grow to responsible and productive adulthood, free of threats to their dignity, physical safety and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Children’s Trust is constructed to provide opportunities for creative innovation at the community level to meet the needs and challenge of Alaska’s families and children; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Children’s Trust will be a funding source for new initiatives, run by a private sector dominated board and not subject to burdensome rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Children’s Trust is designed to fund initiatives that expand new and proven high quality, efficient and effective services and opportunities to communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Children’s Trust is an opportunity to build a “permanent fund for prevention” since only the income of the Trust may be spent; and

WHEREAS, an investment in our children is needed now more than ever;

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

SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports Governor Tony Knowles’ Executive Order which establishes a new trustee board, renames the Alaska Children’s Trust and recognizes the Alaska Children’s Trust by placing it within the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the Alaska State Legislature to work in partnership with the Office of the Governor to ensure the needs of children are given the highest priority.

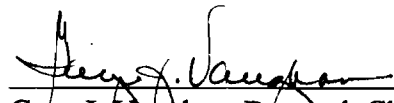
SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Tony Knowles, Senate President Drue Pearce, and Speaker of the House Gail Phillips and members of the Alaska State Legislature.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996.



Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk