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Committee

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## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESOLUTION 96-029

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 272 REGARDING MUNICIPAL MOTOR VEHICLE TAX

- WHEREAS, House Bill 272 provides municipalities with more flexibility to design revenue streams that make sense for the community; and
- WHEREAS, the burden for local services is on the local municipality and with that burden comes the responsibility to pass fair and consistent tax legislation to offset the decline in state revenues; and
- WHEREAS, currently the municipality motor vehicle tax rate is set by statute by the legislature. However, this is a municipal tax and the rate should be set by the community that chooses to implement the tax; and
- WHEREAS, if a municipality raises its rate to a level acceptable in the community, both the state and the municipality receive more revenue; and
- WHEREAS, if the rate is set by each municipality, it will reduce the public perception that this is a state tax; and
- WHEREAS, HB 272 is a good example of the type of state/municipal partnering that is necessary to continue to best serve the needs of Alaskans;

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

- SECTION 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly urges the passage of House Bill 272 allowing municipalities to set municipal motor vehicle tax rate by ordinance instead of state statute.
- **SECTION 2.** That this resolution takes effect upon adoption.
- SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Tony Knowles, Senators Judy Salo, John Torgerson, and Georgianna Lincoln, and Representatives Gail Phillips, Mike Navarre, Gary Davis and Irene Nicholai.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 1996.

Andrew P. Scalzi, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk