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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 97-006**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA YOUTH COURT PROGRAM AND
ENCOURAGING THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE TO FUND A YEARLY
APPROPRIATION TO THE ALASKA YOUTH COURT PROGRAM AS IT WILL
RESULT IN A SAVINGS TO THE ALASKA STATE COURT SYSTEM**

- WHEREAS,** Youth Court is a form of Judicial government implemented to encourage and educate students in the laws of our government; and

- WHEREAS,** young adults judging their peers has proven to be an effective way to create a positive experience and a clear correlation between offense and punishment; and

- WHEREAS,** the Alaska State Court systems case backlog can be decreased by the Youth Court program; and

- WHEREAS,** by conservative estimate, 10% of Juvenile cases that would normally go to jury trial, at an estimated cost of \$5,000 per case, can be diverted to the Youth Court resulting in substantial savings to the Alaska Court System; and

- WHEREAS,** the non-jury resolved cases dealt with by Youth Court will save the Alaska Court System an estimated \$800 per case; and

- WHEREAS,** the Youth Court program frees state court resources for more serious offenses.

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

- SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly recognizes the value both socially and economically of the Alaska Youth Court Program; and

- SECTION 2.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly encourages the Alaska State Legislature to provide funding for the Alaska Youth Court Program on an annual schedule in an amount to be determined appropriate by the Legislature based on available funds and savings provided by the program.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution will be sent to Governor Tony Knowles, Speaker of the House Gail Phillips, Senators John Torgerson, Jerry Ward and Georgianna Lincoln, Representatives Gary Davis, Mark Hodgins and Irene Nicholia.

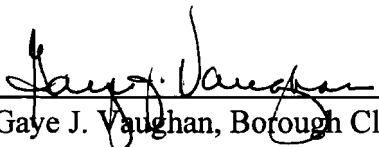
SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1997.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk