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Action:	Adopted
Vote:	Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 97-036**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING FOR A  
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FOR THE KENAI PENINSULA**

**WHEREAS,** Affordable health care is necessary to ensure healthy families on the Kenai Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 1975, Community Health Centers have been funded under Title III, Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, and each year Congress appropriates those funds which are then administered by the Bureau of Primary Health Care, and;

**WHEREAS,** Unlike a hospital or a public health center licensed through the state, community health centers seek to offer primary health care on a sliding-scale basis year-round, to encourage families to get preventive on-going health care; and

**WHEREAS,** Community Health Centers work in conjunction with local providers and hospitals to help reduce unnecessary use of the hospital emergency room, and offer referrals to local hospitals and other private health care providers for clients who need a more serious level of care; and

**WHEREAS,** Start-up grants are available this year for several new centers nationwide; and

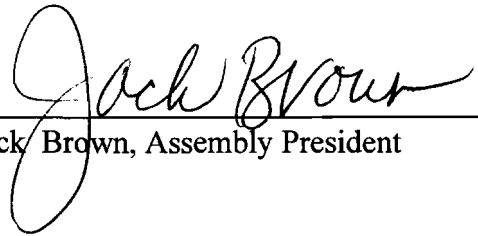
**WHEREAS,** The Kenai Peninsula has a good chance of qualifying for this year's start-up operating grants due to our rural, transient population.

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor and Assembly support community health centers and encourage our congressional delegation to support funding a community health center for the Kenai Peninsula under Title III, Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act.

**SECTION 2.** That this resolution shall be sent to our Congressional delegation.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 6th  
DAY OF MAY, 1997.**

  
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Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Borough Clerk