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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 98-017**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PASSAGE OF
SENATE BILL 208, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL FOR
THE FORMATION, ALTERATION OR ABOLISHMENT OF
CERTAIN SERVICE AREAS**

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution provides for maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units, that all local government powers shall be vested in boroughs and cities, and that the borough assembly may establish, alter or abolish service areas, subject to the provisions of law or charter; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 208 would require voter approval for the alteration or abolishment of all service areas, and for the formation of certain new service areas; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 208 would allow non-resident property owners to vote on all issues affecting service areas; and

WHEREAS, the assembly regards voting and public involvement as very important to the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 208 appears to violate the intent of the Alaska Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 208 would enable a minority of the affected population in proposed service areas to essentially veto an action that may be in the best interests of the people of the municipality as a whole;

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

SECTION 1. The Kenai Peninsula Borough assembly strongly opposes Senate Bill 208.

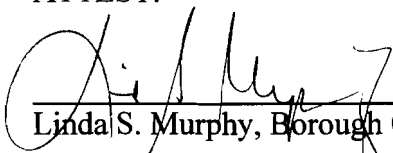
SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution shall be mailed to members of the state legislature and to Governor Tony Knowles.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 1998.



Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

