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Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION 98-039**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOUTH PENINSULA HOSPITAL'S CERTIFICATE  
OF NEED APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION AND RENOVATION  
AND REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES TO GRANT AN EXPEDITIOUS  
REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION**

- WHEREAS,** South Peninsula Hospital, Incorporated has subleased the hospital from the Kenai Peninsula Borough and operates it to provide authorized services under the administrative oversight of the South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board; and
- WHEREAS,** South Peninsula Hospital's Long Term Care Facility has maintained an occupancy rate of 95-98% since 1994; and
- WHEREAS,** South Peninsula Hospital works closely with other agencies in the service area to provide a continuum of home and community based care to the residents and prevent nursing home placement as long as possible; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1994, there has constantly been a waiting list of service area residents needing nursing home placement, many of whom could not be accommodated on the Kenai Peninsula; and
- WHEREAS,** residents aged 85 and over are the most rapidly growing segment of the service area population; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need for at least 10 additional Long Term Care beds to adequately serve the needs and residents of the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area; and
- WHEREAS,** the statewide moratorium on additional Long Term Care beds imposed by the Alaska State Legislature, expired on May 1, 1998; and
- WHEREAS,** the Emergency Department and Diagnostic Imaging Department and several other departments of the hospital have outgrown the available space in the existing building; and
- WHEREAS,** the Surgery Department that was constructed in 1975 does not meet the functional needs of the current practice of surgery; and

**WHEREAS,** the hospital has carefully managed its resources to develop an expansion reserve that can be used to fund the needed construction without increasing the tax levy or incurring debt; and

**WHEREAS,** the \$9,238,756 cost of the needed construction will require voter approval before expending funds from the expansion reserve; and

**WHEREAS,** the hospital has submitted a Certificate of Need Application to the Commissioner of Health and Social Services for a construction project to add 10 Long Term Care beds and provide more functional space for the Emergency, Diagnostic Imaging, Surgery and other Departments;


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

**SECTION 1.** That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly supports the provision of services to Borough residents in their communities of choice and requests that the Commissioner of Health and Social Services expeditiously grant a Certificate of Need approving the South Peninsula Hospital Construction project.

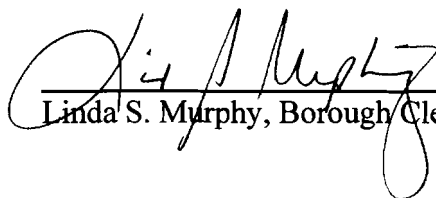
**SECTION 2.** That the construction project shall be submitted to the voters of the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area for approval before proceeding with the commitment of funds for the project.

**SECTION 3.** That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 1998.**

  
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Jack Brown, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
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Linda S. Murphy, Borough Clerk

